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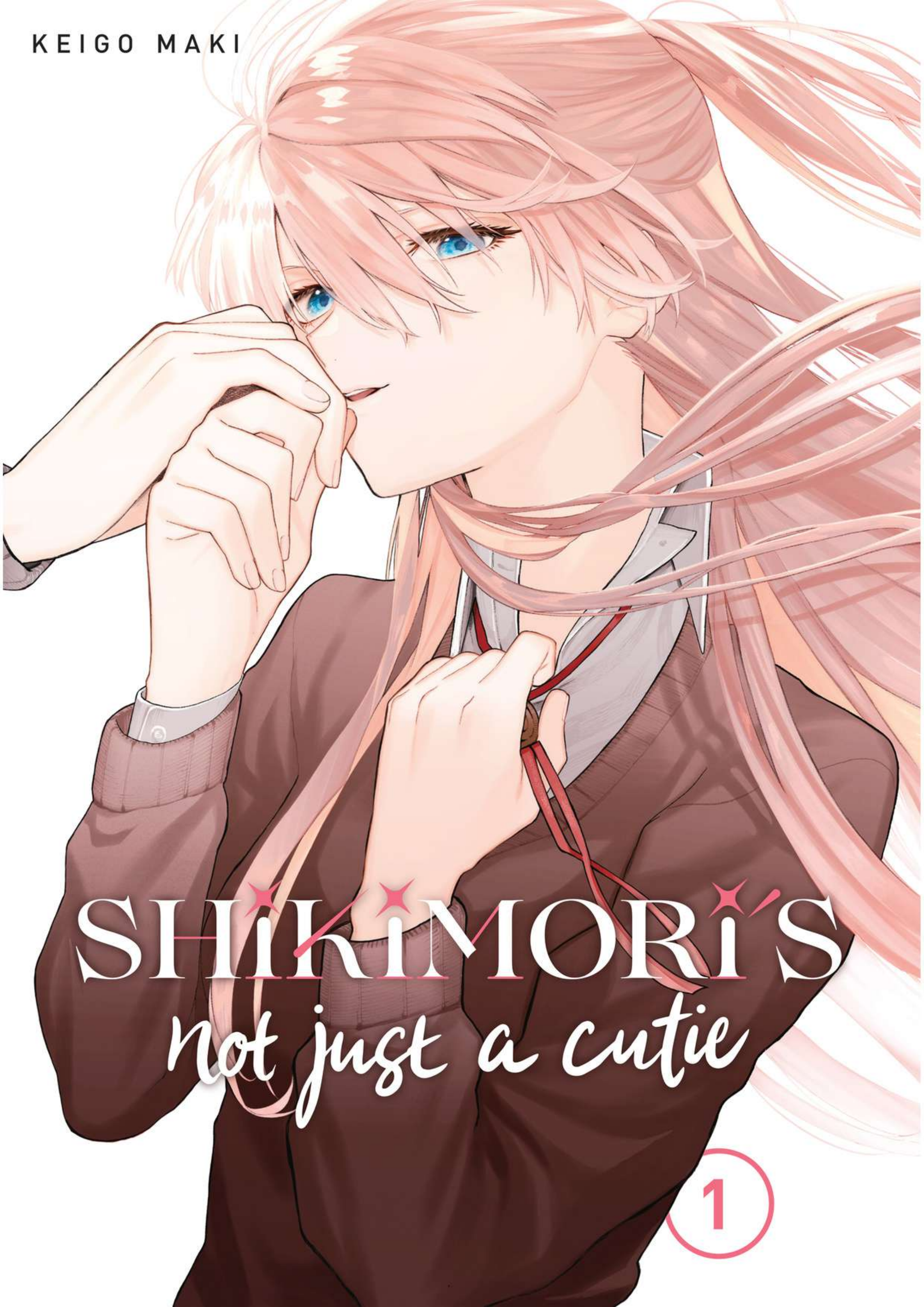

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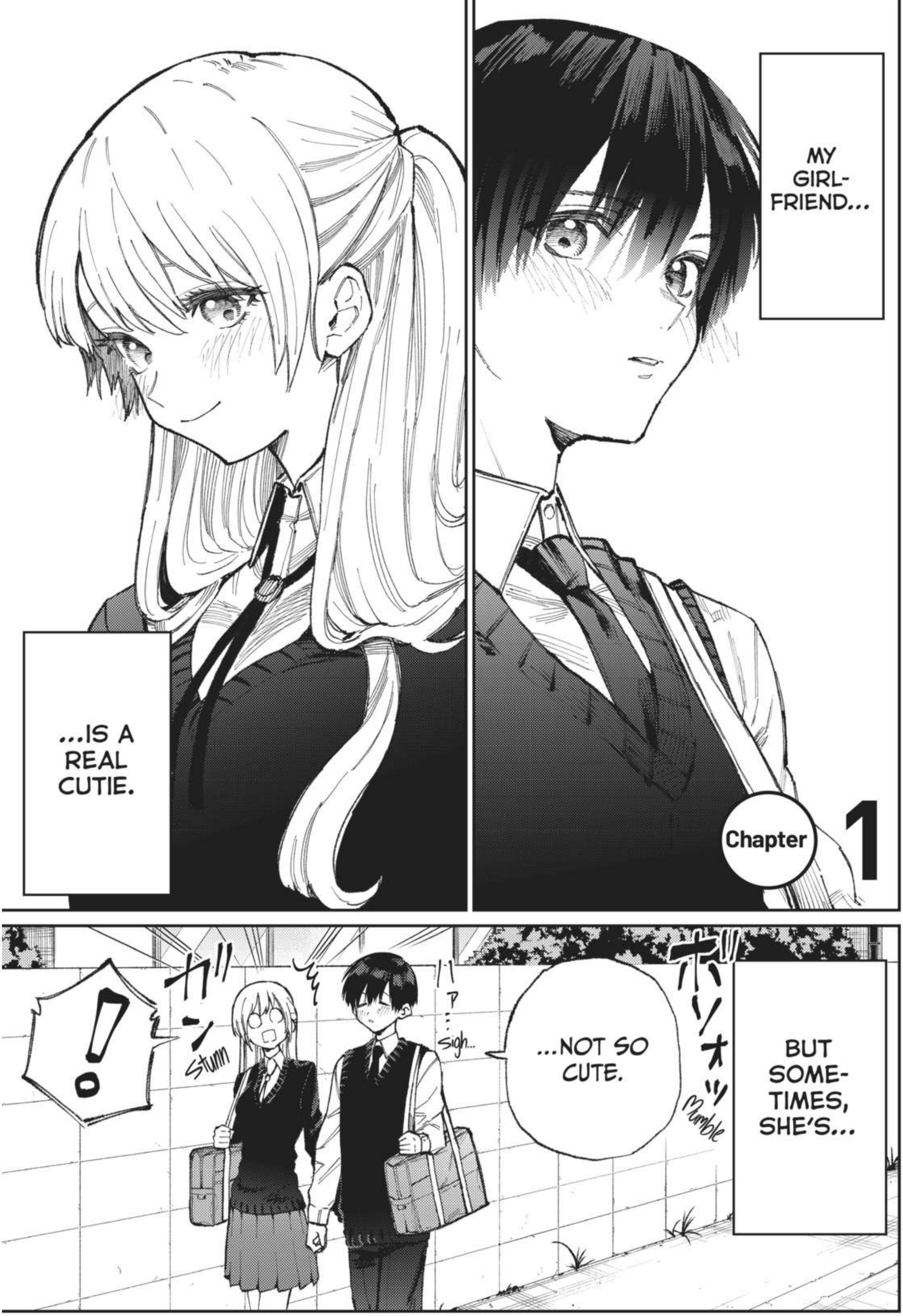
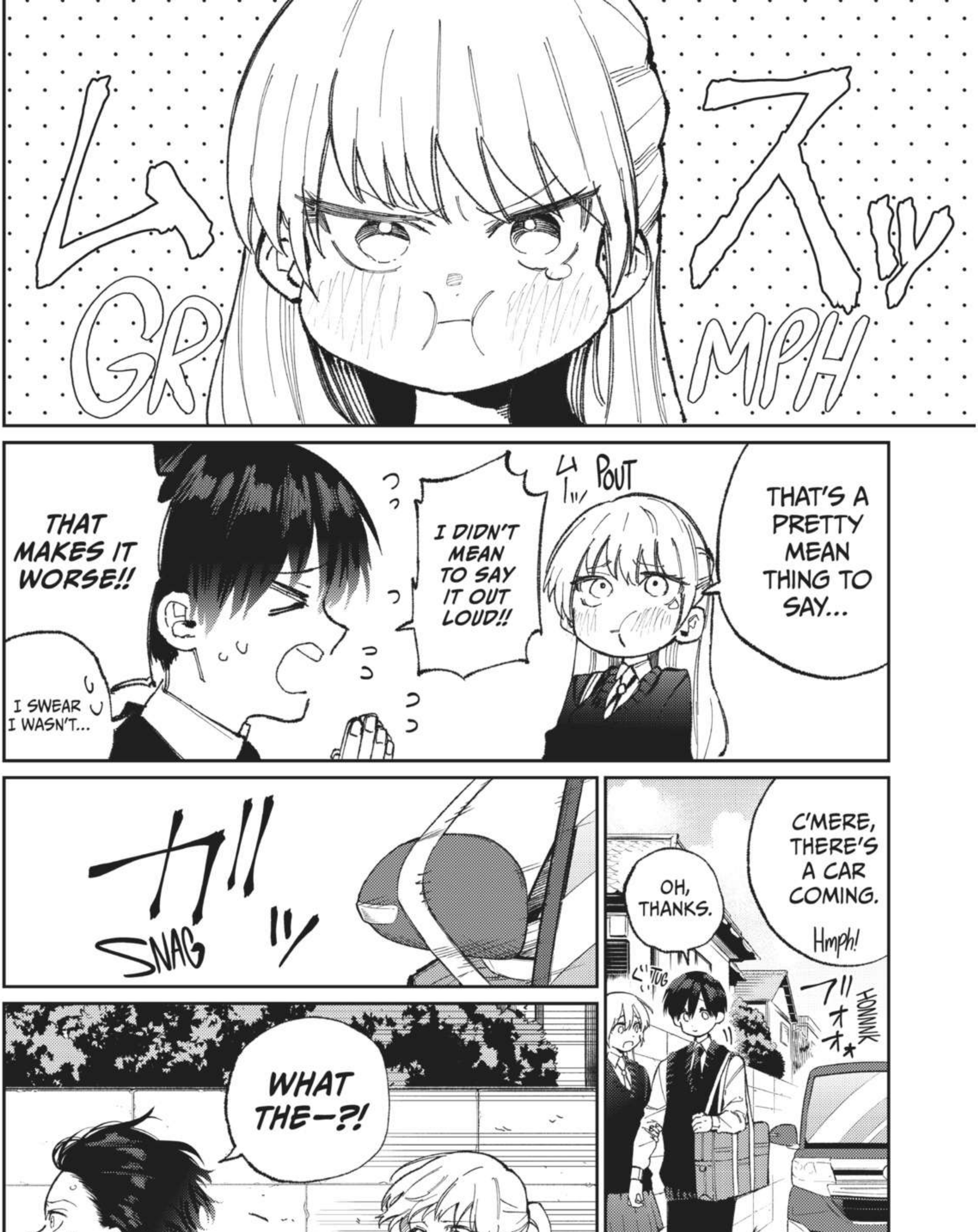
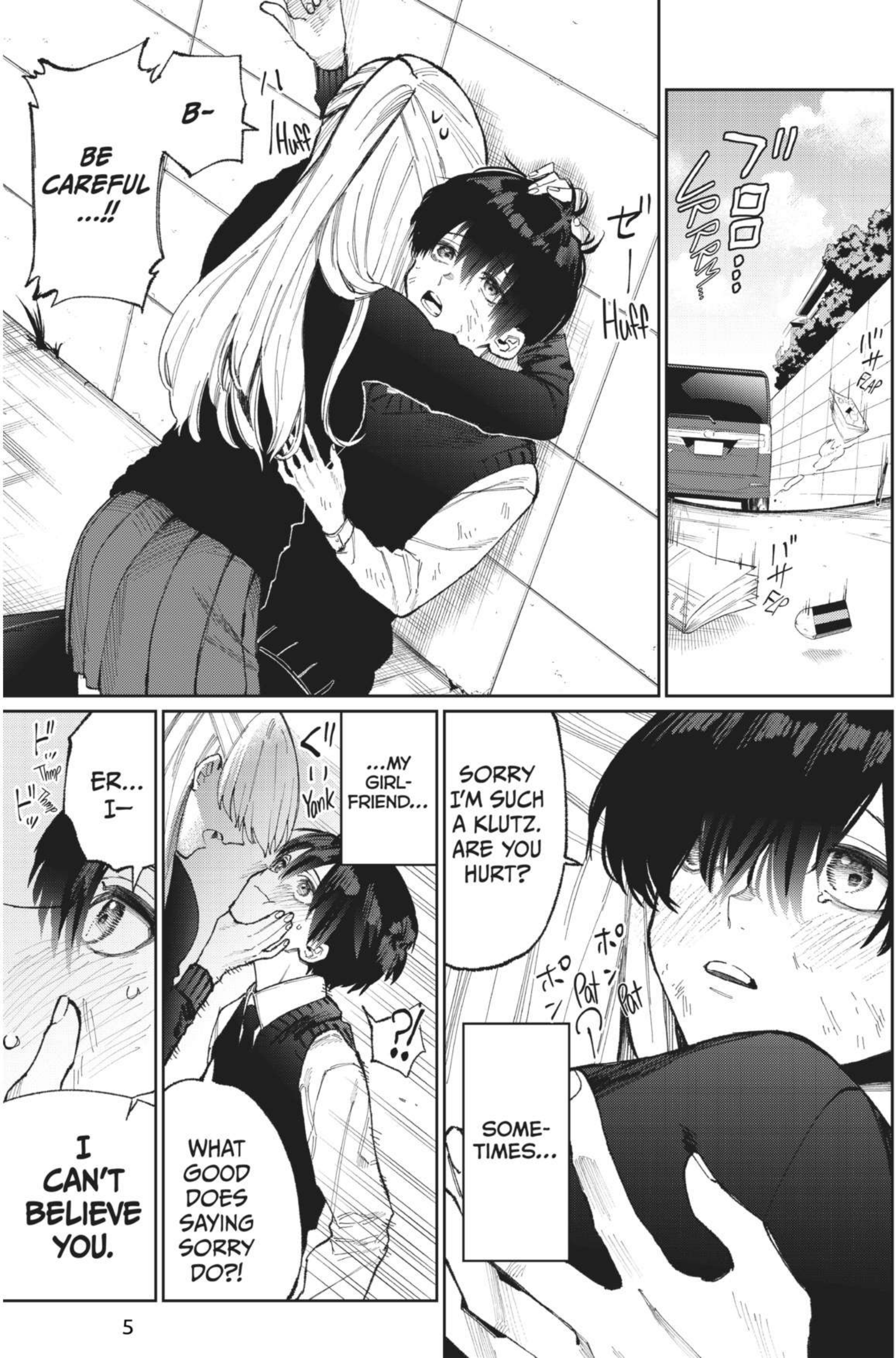
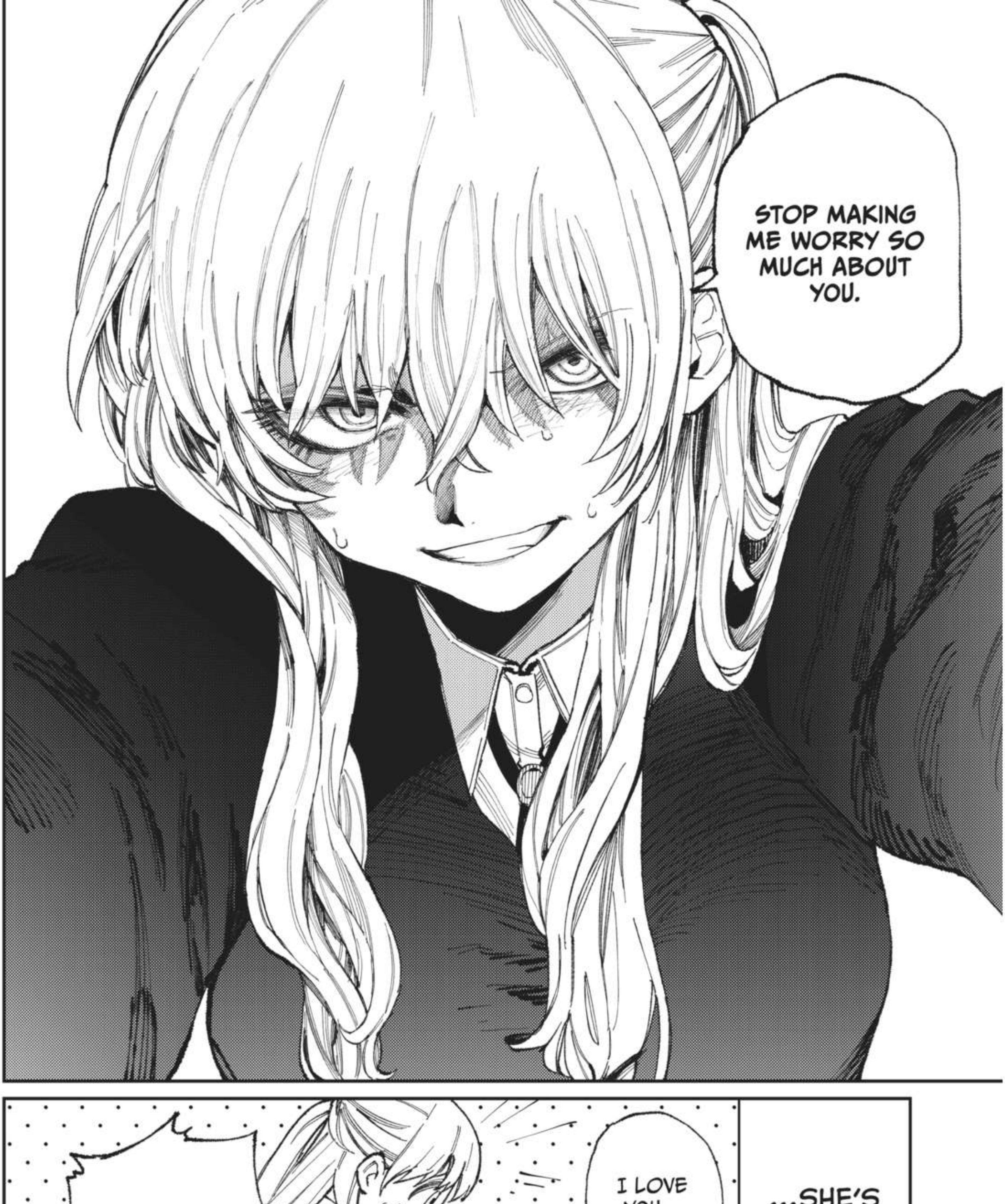

MY GIRLFRIEND...
Chapter 1
...IS A REAL CUTIE.
BUT SOMETIMES, SHE'S...
ホソオッ
Mumble
...NOT SO CUTE.
ハァ…
sigh...
ガーン
Stunn
!


ムスッ
GRMPH
THAT'S A PRETTY MEAN THING TO SAY...
ムッ POUT
I DIDN'T MEAN TO SAY IT OUT LOUD!!
THAT MAKES IT WORSE!!
I SWEAR I WASN'T...
C'MERE, THERE'S A CAR COMING.
Hmph!
OH, THANKS.
ぐっ TUG
ブォォ★ HONNK
カッ
SNAG
WHAT THE—?!


ブロロ…
VRRRM…
バサ
FLAP
バサ
FLP
ゼー
Huff
ハー
Huff
B-
BE CAREFUL…!!
SORRY I'M SUCH A KLUTZ. ARE YOU HURT?
ポン
Pat
ポン
Pat
SOMETIMES…
…MY GIRLFRIEND…
ぐい
Yank
?!
WHAT GOOD DOES SAYING SORRY DO?!
ドッ
Thmp
ドッ
Thmp
ER… I—
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU.


STOP MAKING ME WORRY SO MUCH ABOUT YOU.
...SHE'S THE COOLEST PERSON I KNOW.
I LOVE YOU...
WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT?! I'M YELLING AT YOU!!

Chapter 1 END

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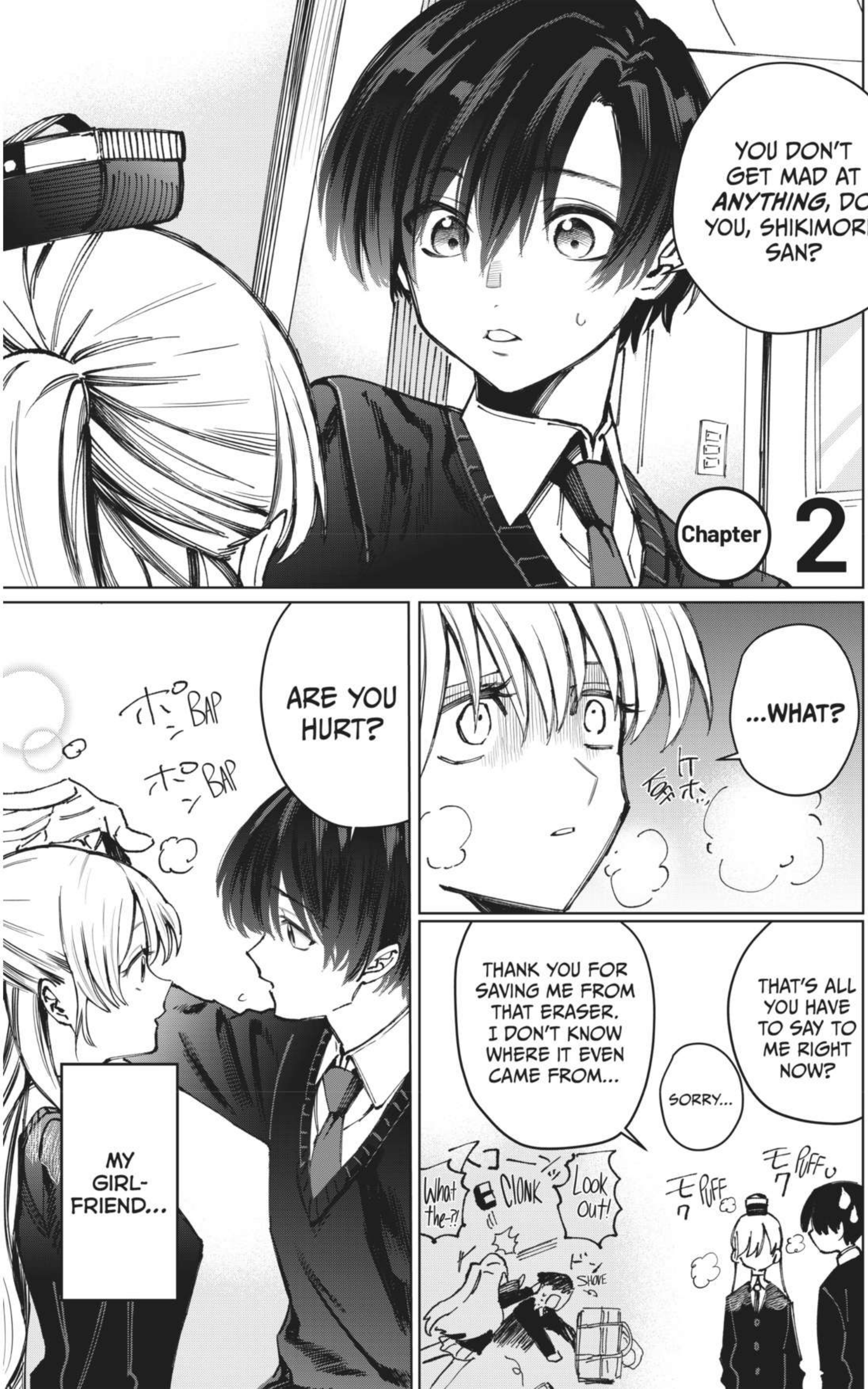
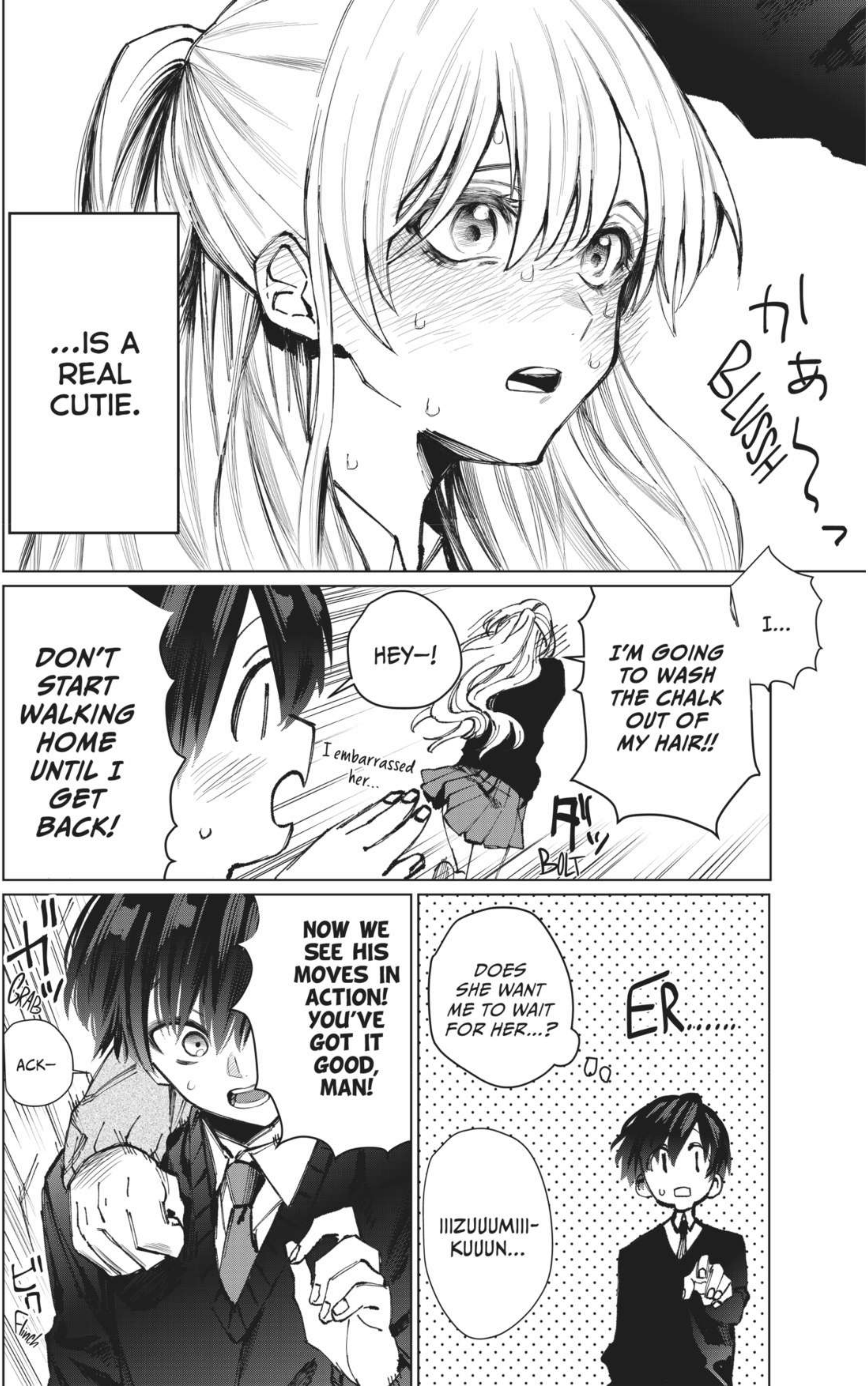
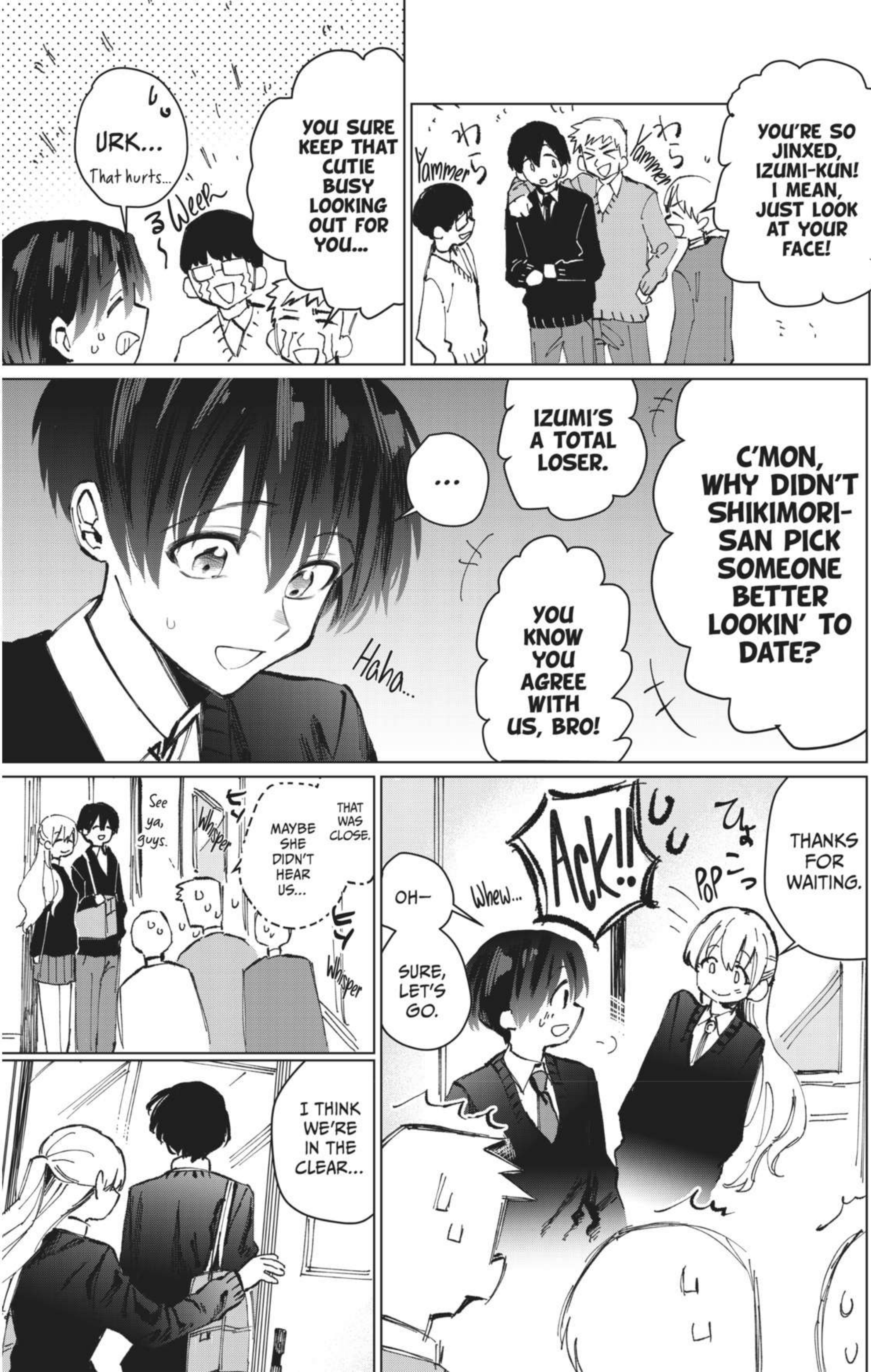
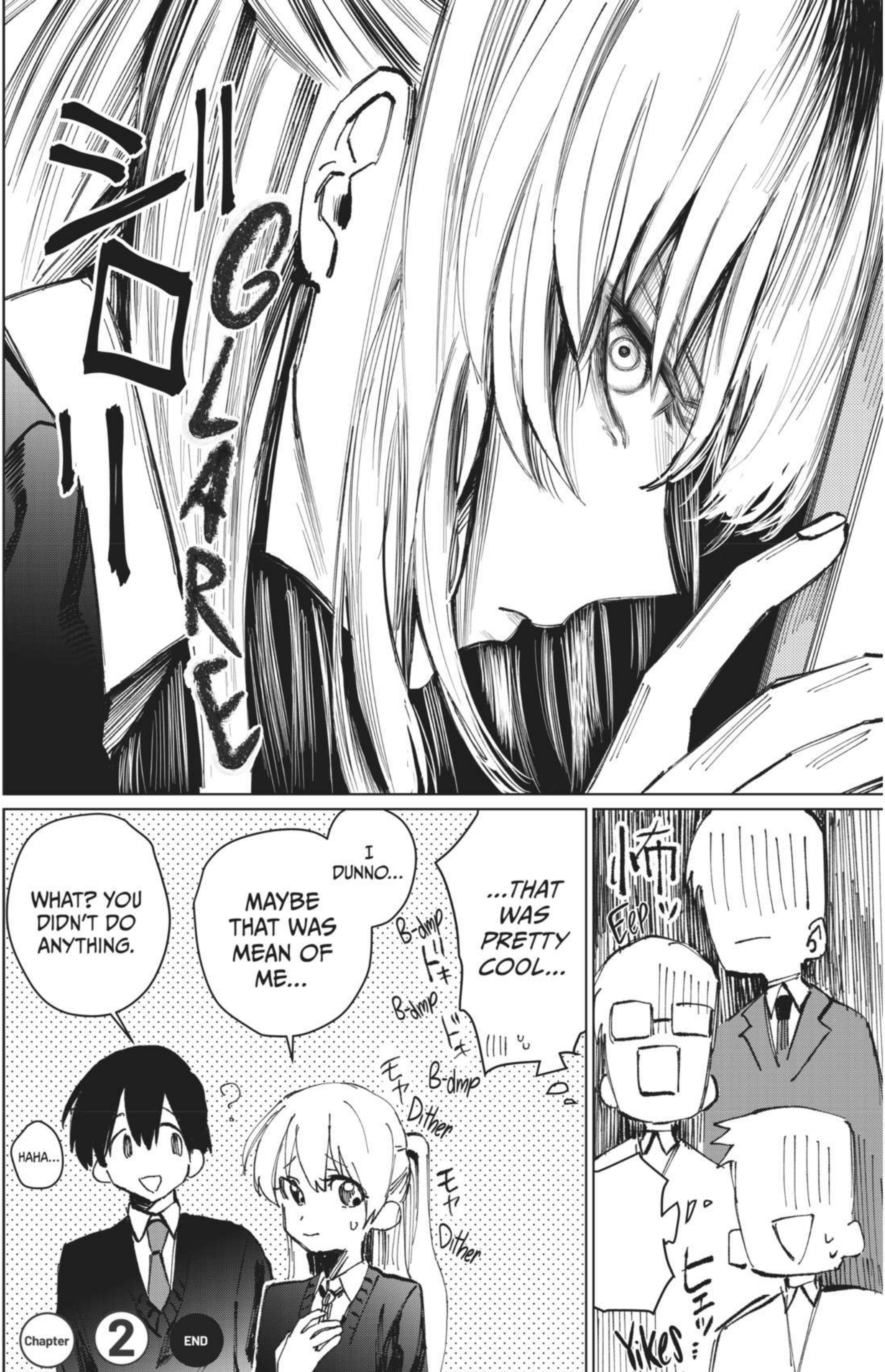
SHIKIMORI SAN


YOU DON'T GET MAD AT *ANYTHING*, DO YOU, SHIKIMORI-SAN?
Chapter 2
...WHAT?
ケホッ KOFF
THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME FROM THAT ERASER. I DON'T KNOW WHERE IT EVEN CAME FROM...
THAT'S ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY TO ME RIGHT NOW?
SORRY...
モク PUFF
モク PUFF
Look out!
スコーン CLONK
What the-?!
ドン SHOVE
ARE YOU HURT?
ホン BAP
ホン BAP
MY GIRLFRIEND...


...IS A REAL CUTIE.
かぁ〜〜っ
BLUSSH
I...
I'M GOING TO WASH THE CHALK OUT OF MY HAIR!!
ダッ
BOLT
HEY—!
I embarrassed her...
DON'T START WALKING HOME UNTIL I GET BACK!
ER......
DOES SHE WANT ME TO WAIT FOR HER...?
IIIZUUUMIII-KUUUN...
NOW WE SEE HIS MOVES IN ACTION! YOU'VE GOT IT GOOD, MAN!
ガッ
GRAB
ACK—
ビク
Flinch


YOU'RE SO JINXED, IZUMI-KUN! I MEAN, JUST LOOK AT YOUR FACE!
わら Yammer
わら Yammer
YOU SURE KEEP THAT CUTIE BUSY LOOKING OUT FOR YOU...
Weep~
URK... That hurts...
C'MON, WHY DIDN'T SHIKIMORI-SAN PICK SOMEONE BETTER LOOKIN' TO DATE?
IZUMI'S A TOTAL LOSER.
YOU KNOW YOU AGREE WITH US, BRO!
...
Haha...
THANKS FOR WAITING.
ぴょこっ PoP
ACK!!
Whew...
OH—
SURE, LET'S GO.
THAT WAS CLOSE.
MAYBE SHE DIDN'T HEAR US...
Whisper
Whisper
See ya, guys.
I THINK WE'RE IN THE CLEAR...


ジロー
GLARE
怖
Eep
ヒエッ
Yikes
...THAT WAS PRETTY COOL...
I DUNNO...
MAYBE THAT WAS MEAN OF ME...
ドキ
B-dmp
ドキ
B-dmp
B-dmp
モヤ
Dither
モヤ
Dither
WHAT? YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.
HAHA...
Chapter 2 END

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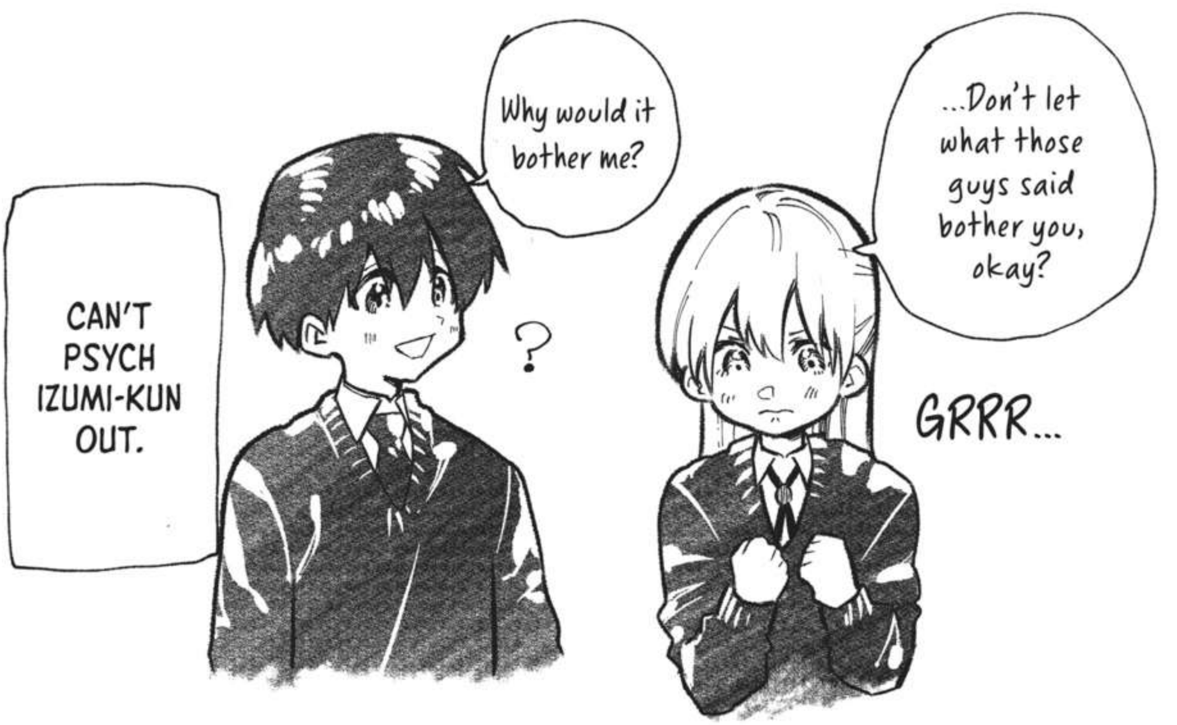
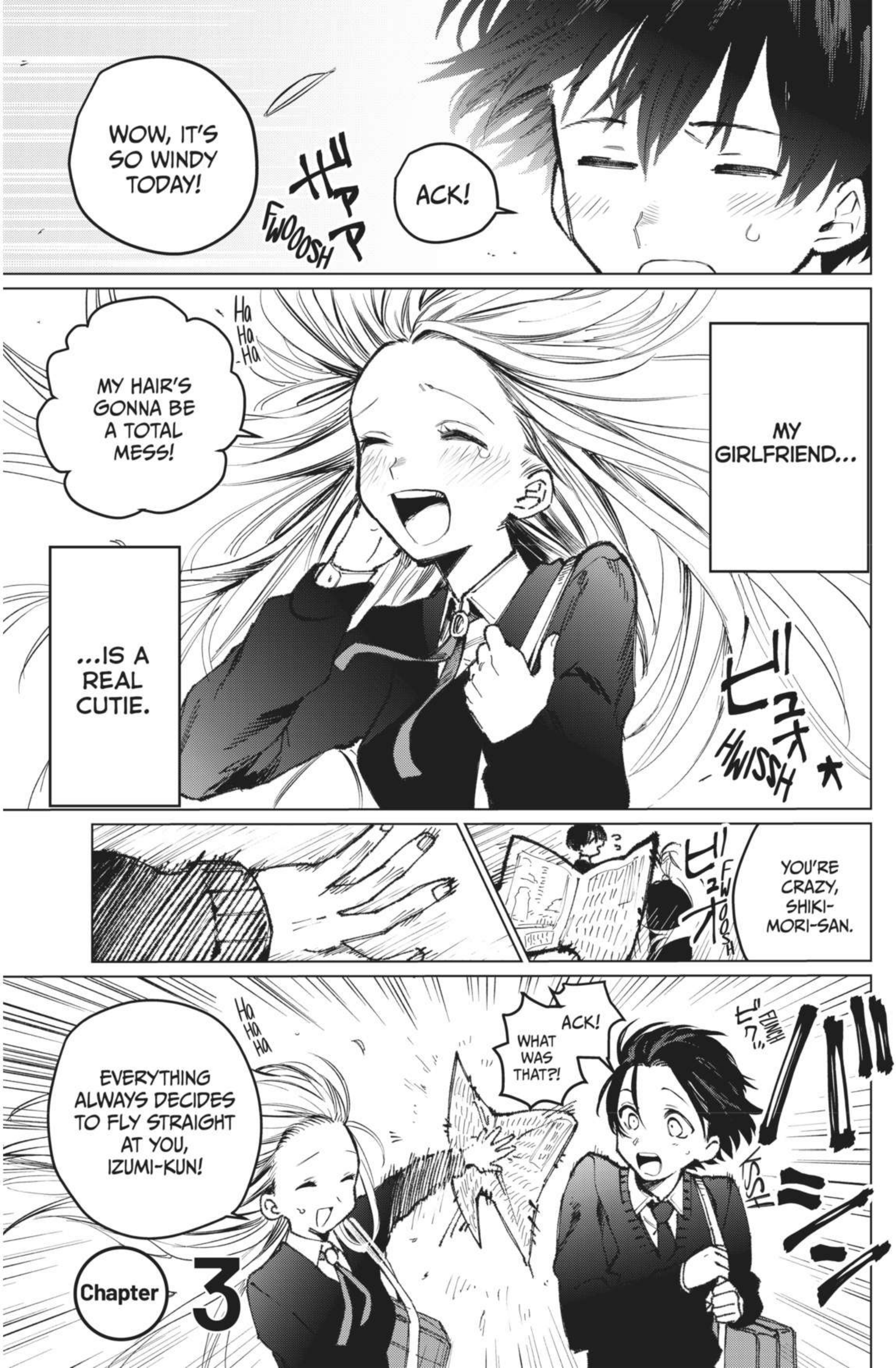
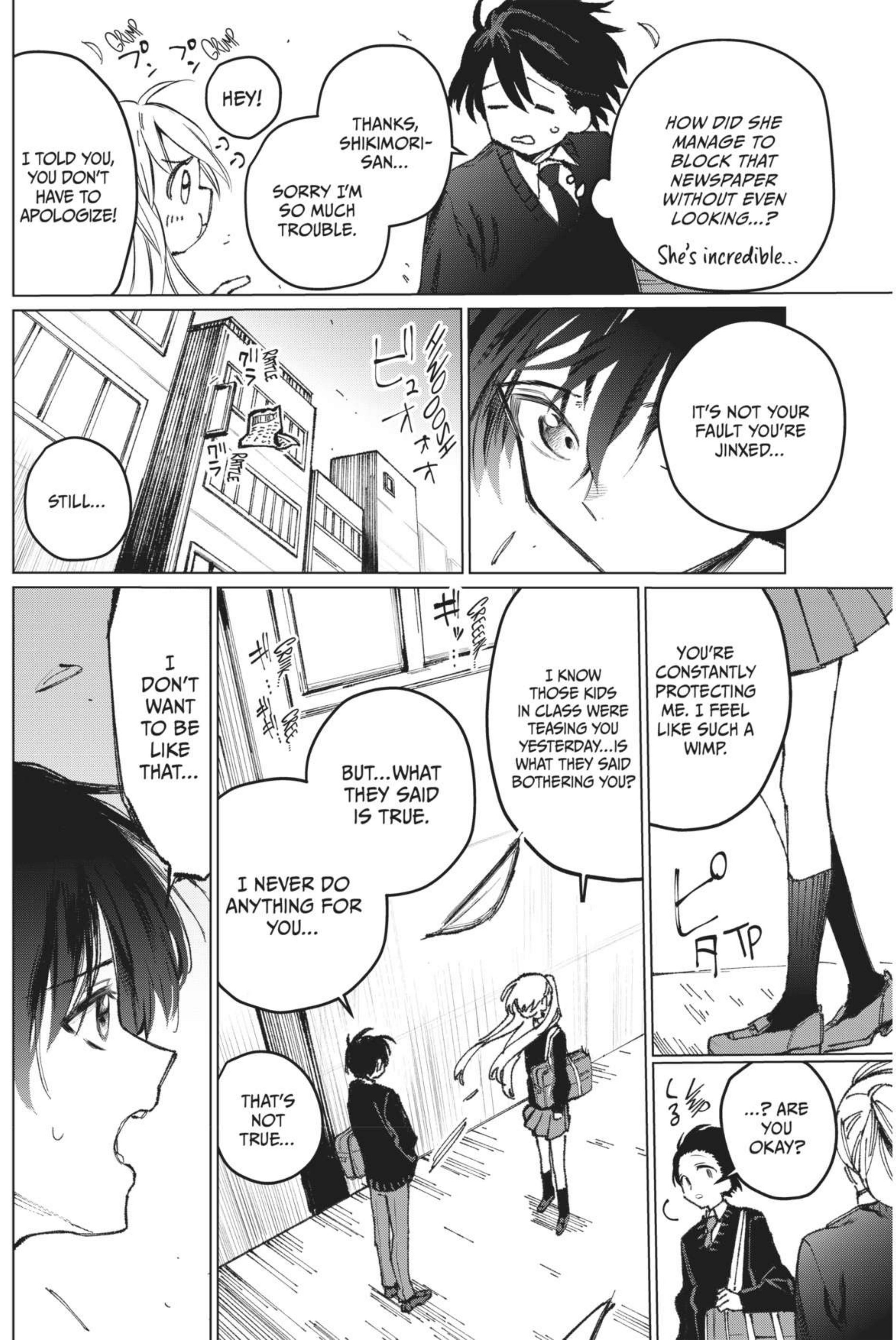
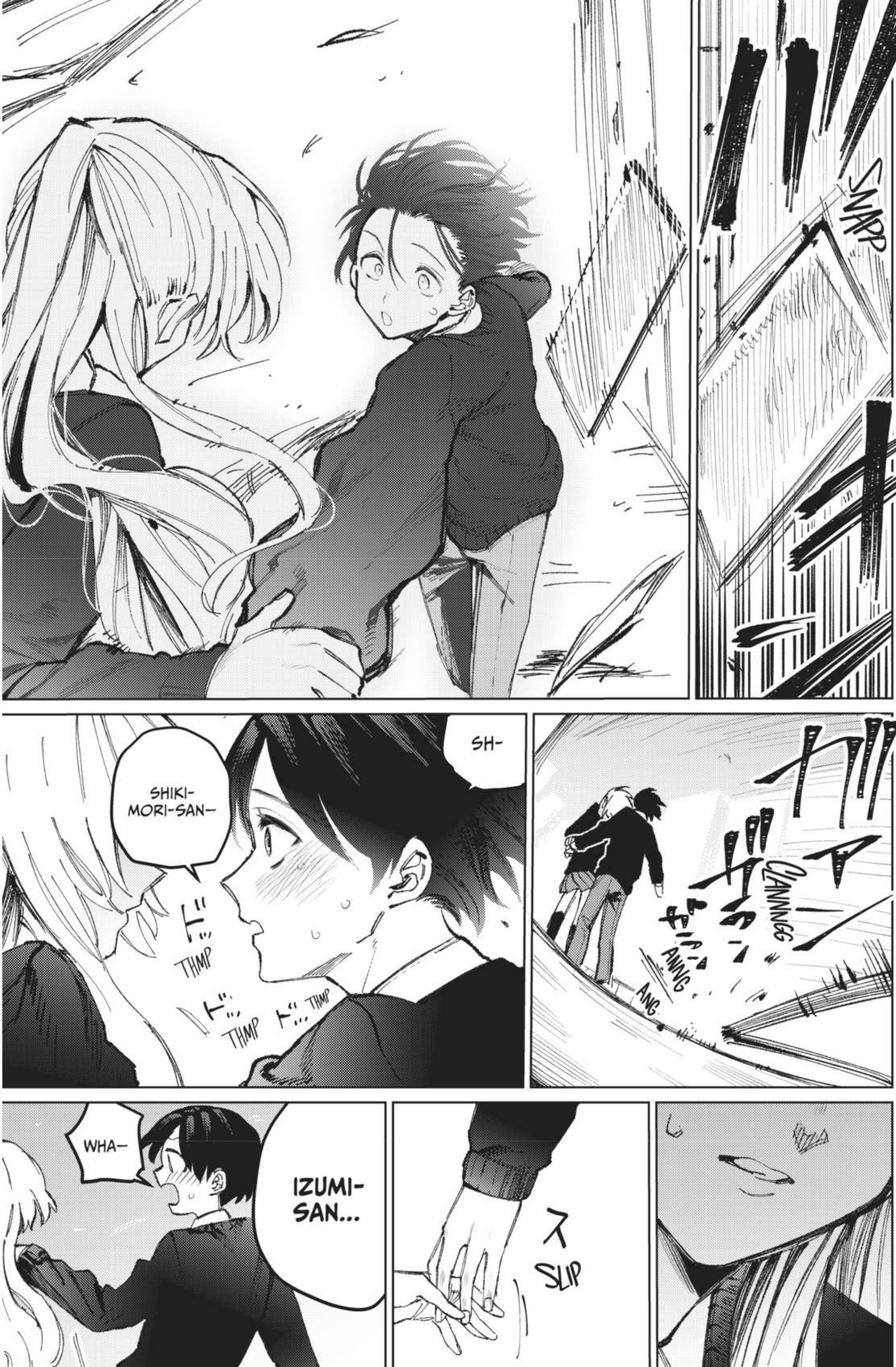

...Don't let what those guys said bother you, okay?
GRRR...
Why would it bother me?
?
CAN'T PSYCH IZUMI-KUN OUT.

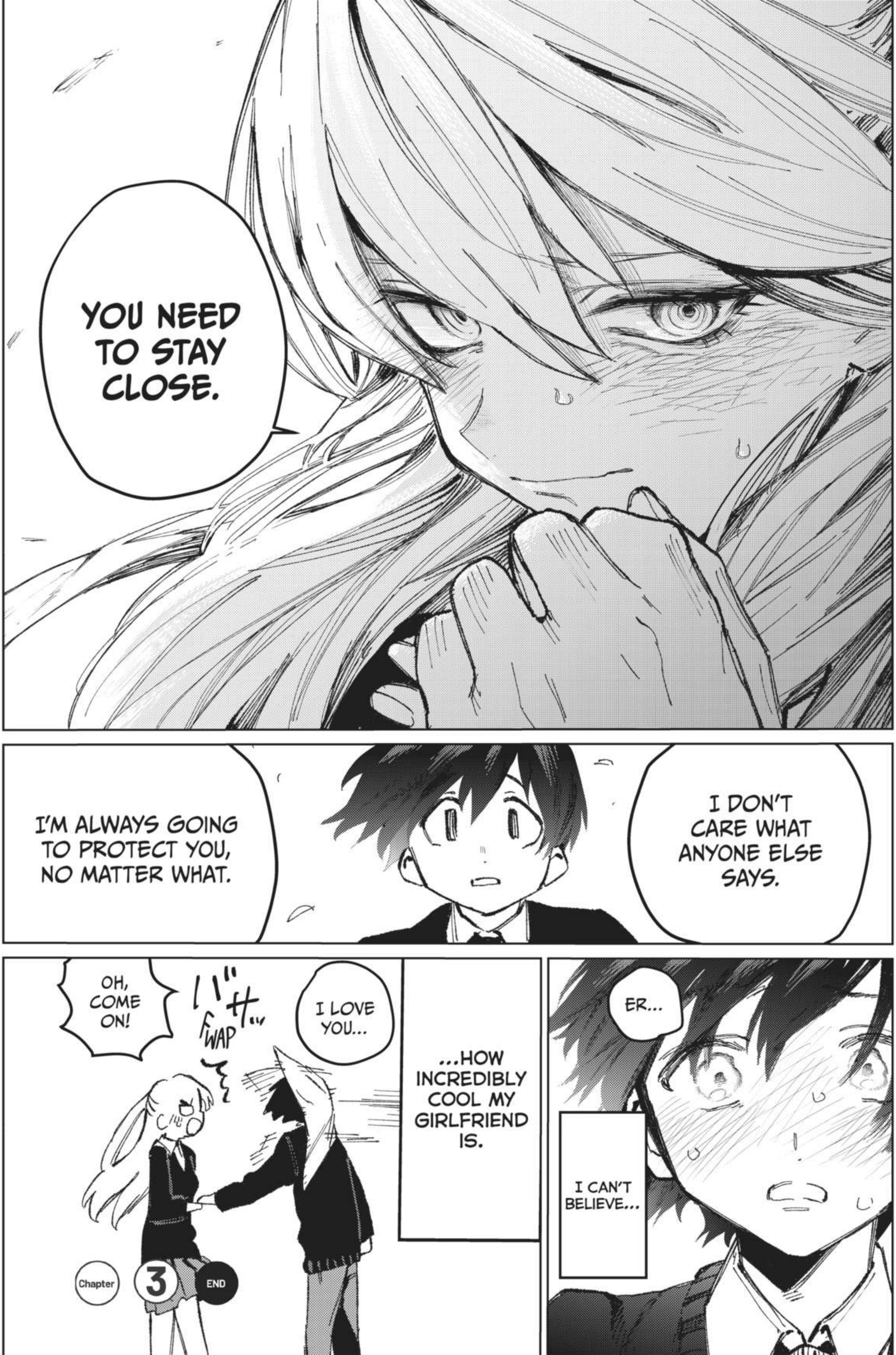
IZUMI KUN

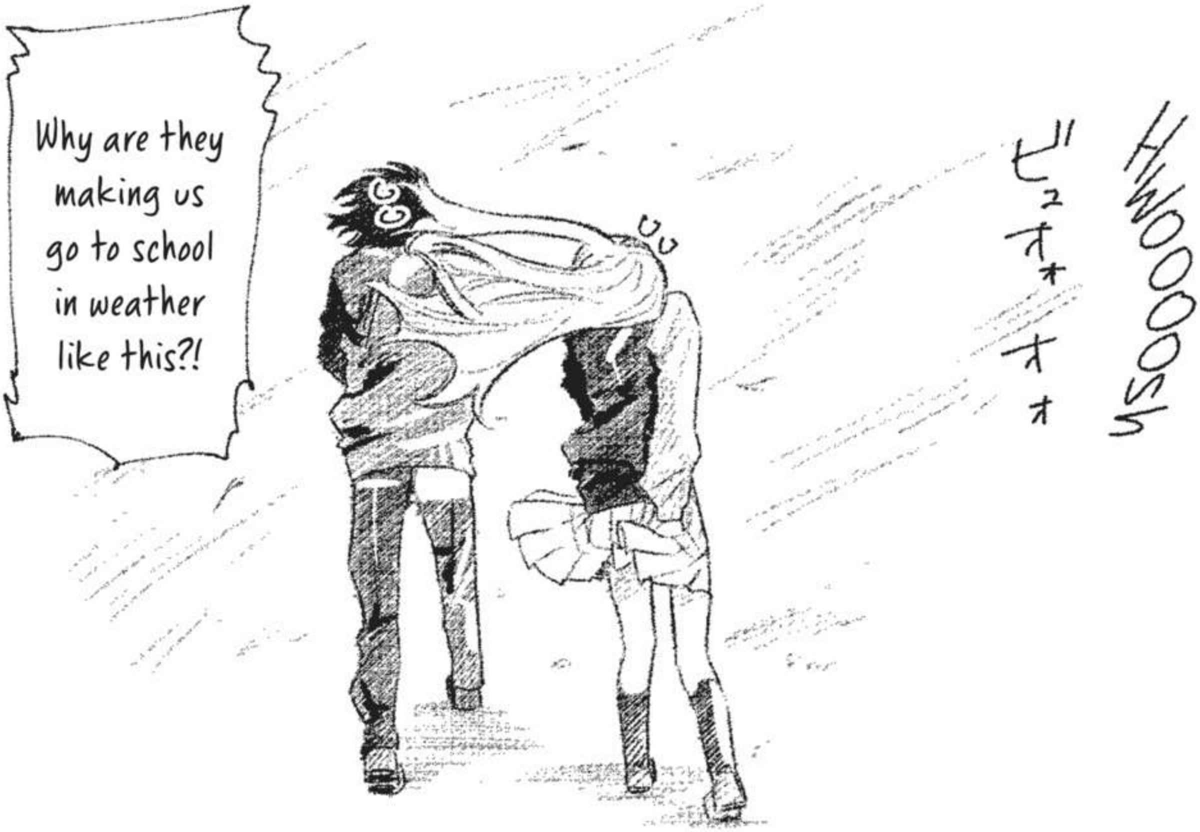

ACK!
WOW, IT'S SO WINDY TODAY!
FWOOOSH
MY GIRLFRIEND...
HWISSH
Ha Ha Ha
MY HAIR'S GONNA BE A TOTAL MESS!
...IS A REAL CUTIE.
YOU'RE CRAZY, SHIKI-MORI-SAN.
FWOOOSH
FLINCH
TSSH
ACK! WHAT WAS THAT?!
Ha Ha Ha
EVERYTHING ALWAYS DECIDES TO FLY STRAIGHT AT YOU, IZUMI-KUN!

Chapter 3


HOW DID SHE MANAGE TO BLOCK THAT NEWSPAPER WITHOUT EVEN LOOKING...?
She's incredible...
THANKS, SHIKIMORI-SAN...
SORRY I'M SO MUCH TROUBLE.
HEY!
GRUMP
GRUMP
I TOLD YOU, YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLOGIZE!
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT YOU'RE JINXED...
WHOOSH
RATTLE
RATTLE
STILL...
YOU'RE CONSTANTLY PROTECTING ME. I FEEL LIKE SUCH A WIMP.
TP
VMP
...? ARE YOU OKAY?
CREEEK
CRRK
CREE
I KNOW THOSE KIDS IN CLASS WERE TEASING YOU YESTERDAY...IS WHAT THEY SAID BOTHERING YOU?
BUT...WHAT THEY SAID IS TRUE.
I NEVER DO ANYTHING FOR YOU...
THAT'S NOT TRUE...
I DON'T WANT TO BE LIKE THAT...


SNAPP
SH-
SHIKI-MORI-SAN—
ドッ THMP
ドッ THMP
ドッ THMP
CLANNNGG
ANNG
ANG
ス SLIP
IZUMI-SAN...
WHA—


YOU NEED TO STAY CLOSE.
I DON'T CARE WHAT ANYONE ELSE SAYS.
I'M ALWAYS GOING TO PROTECT YOU, NO MATTER WHAT.
ER...
I CAN'T BELIEVE...
...HOW INCREDIBLY COOL MY GIRLFRIEND IS.
I LOVE YOU...
バッ
FWAP
OH, COME ON!
Chapter 3 END


HWOOOOSH
ビュオォォォ
Why are they making us go to school in weather like this?!

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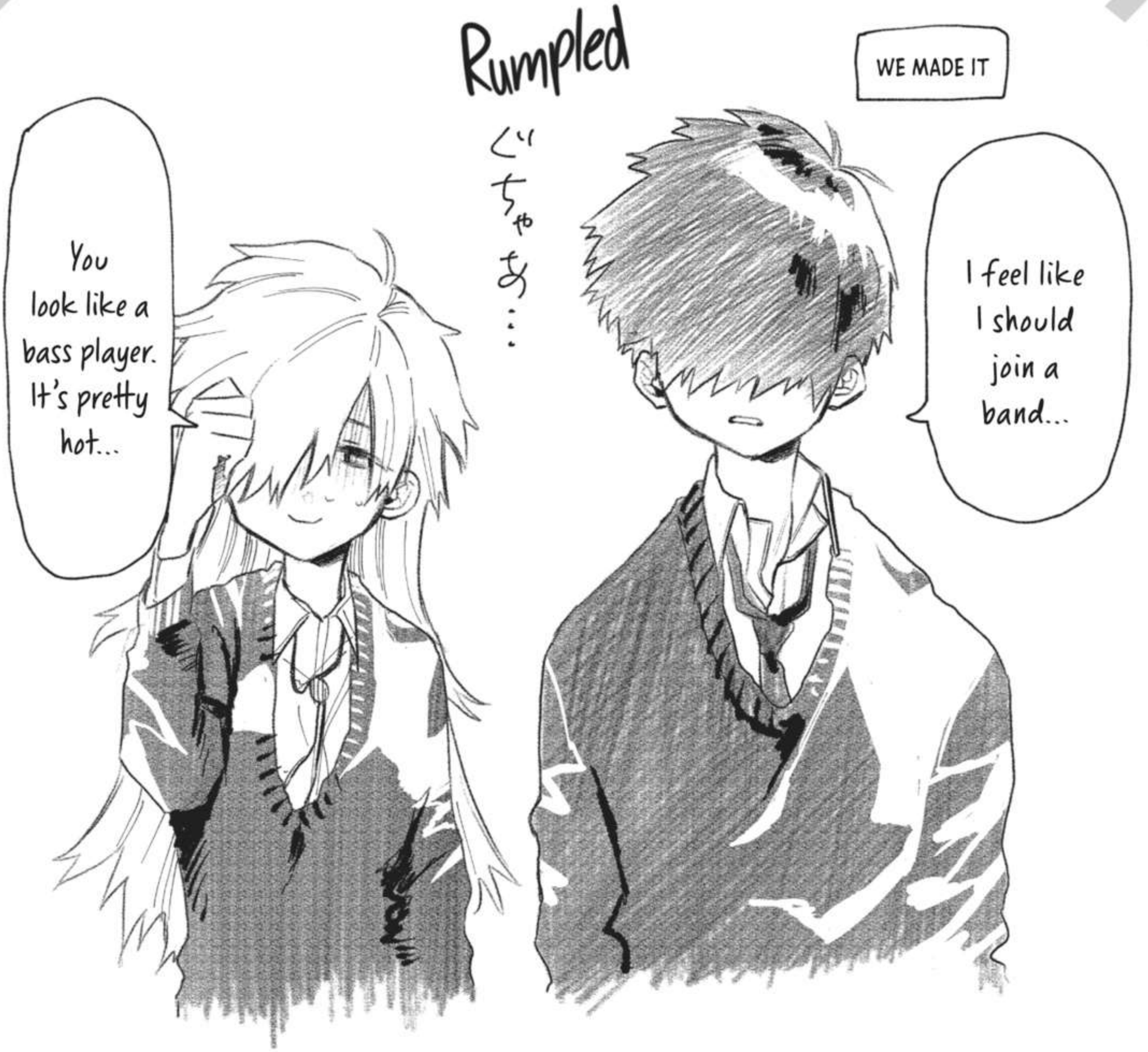
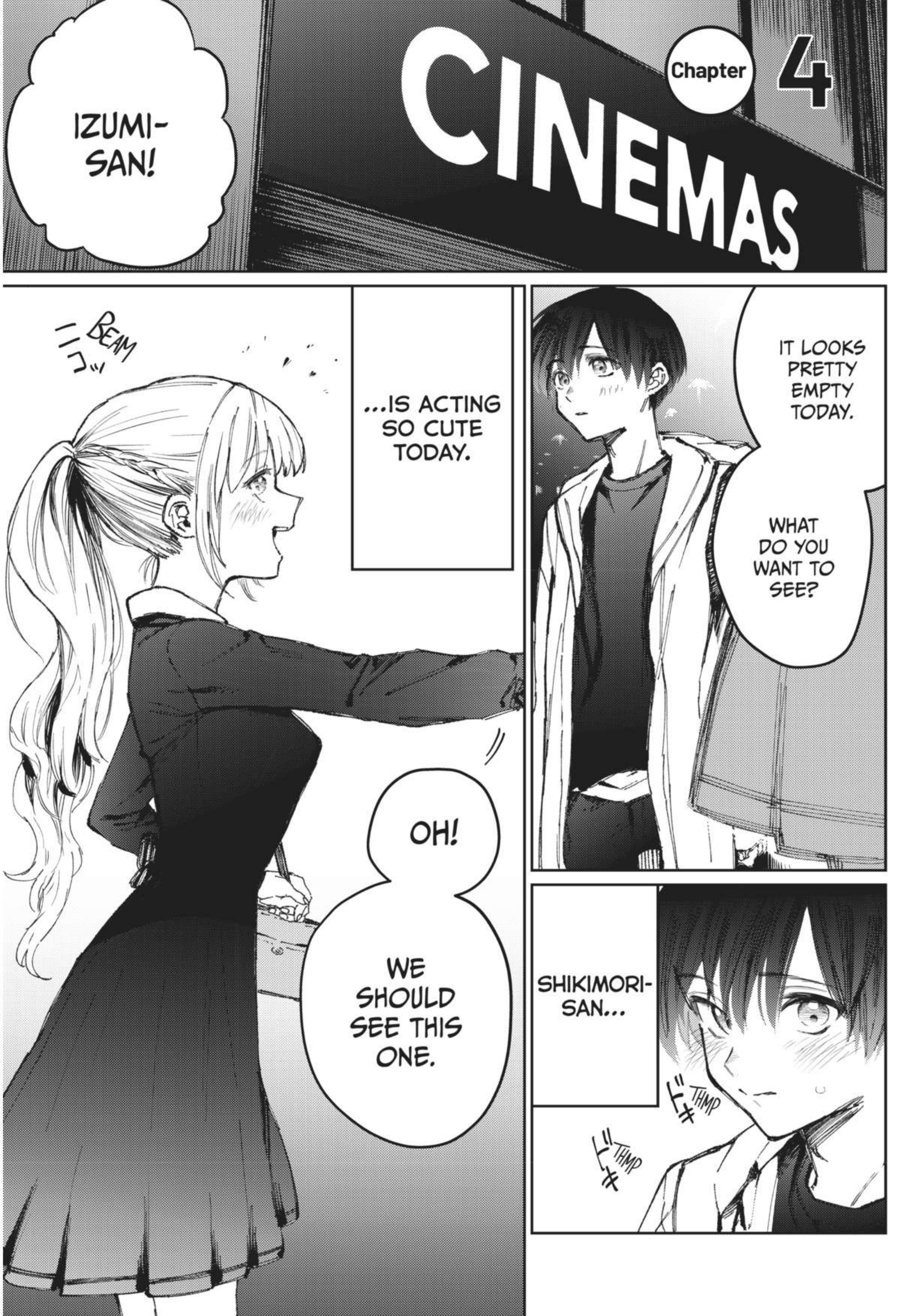
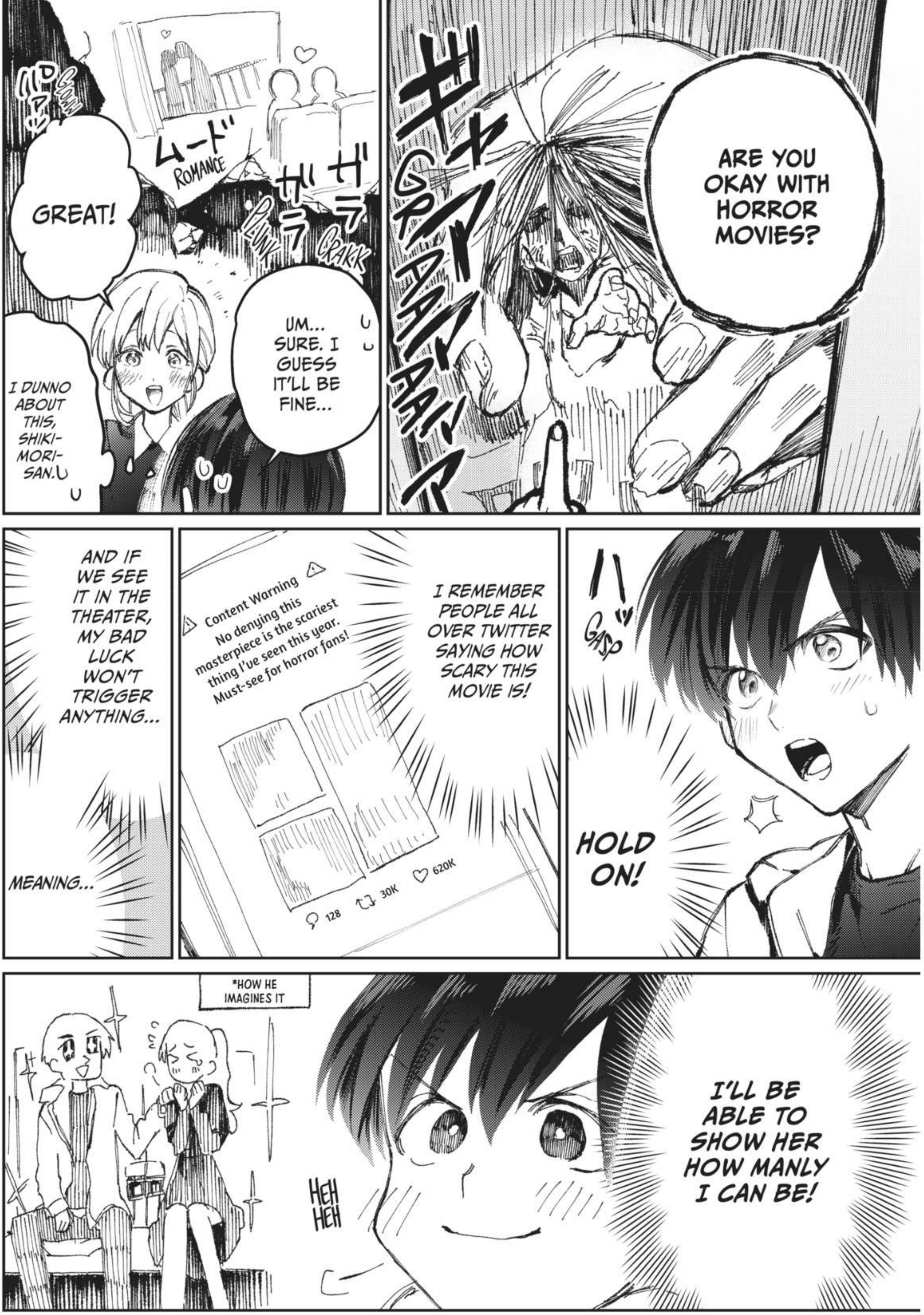

Rumpled
WE MADE IT
I feel like I should join a band...
ぐちゃあ…
You look like a bass player. It's pretty hot...


IZUMI-SAN!
CINEMAS
Chapter 4
IT LOOKS PRETTY EMPTY TODAY.
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE?
ニコッ BEAM
OH!
WE SHOULD SEE THIS ONE.
ドキ THMP
ドキ THMP
SHIKIMORI-SAN...
...IS ACTING SO CUTE TODAY.


ARE YOU OKAY WITH HORROR MOVIES?
ギャアアアア
GRAAAAA
ムード
ROMANCE
パリッ
CLOMM
ザラ ガラ
CRAKK
CLUNK
GREAT!
UM... SURE. I GUESS IT'LL BE FINE...
I DUNNO ABOUT THIS, SHIKIMORI-SAN.
AND IF WE SEE IT IN THE THEATER, MY BAD LUCK WON'T TRIGGER ANYTHING...
MEANING...
I REMEMBER PEOPLE ALL OVER TWITTER SAYING HOW SCARY THIS MOVIE IS!

⚠ Content Warning ⚠
No denying this masterpiece is the scariest thing I've seen this year. Must-see for horror fans!

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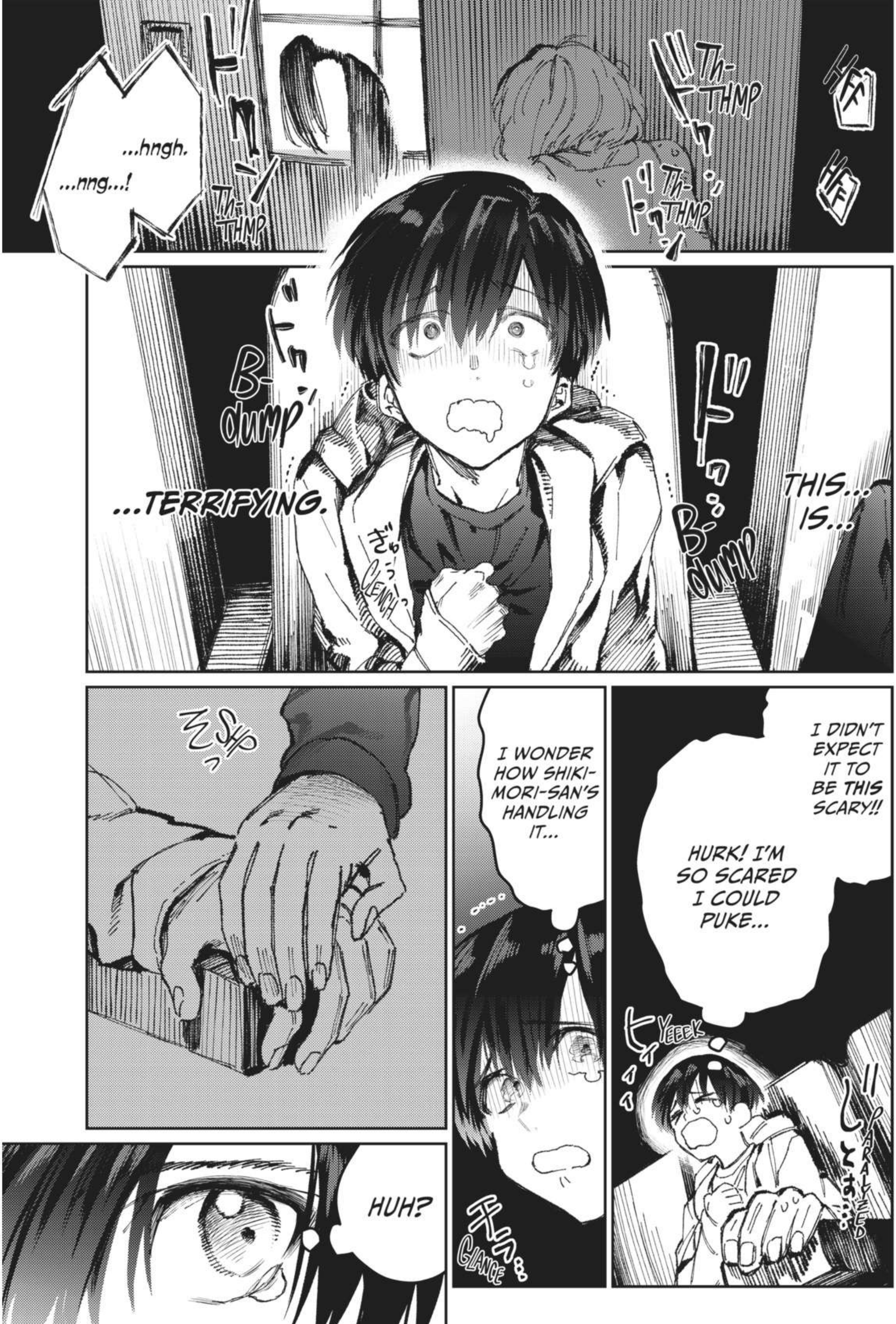
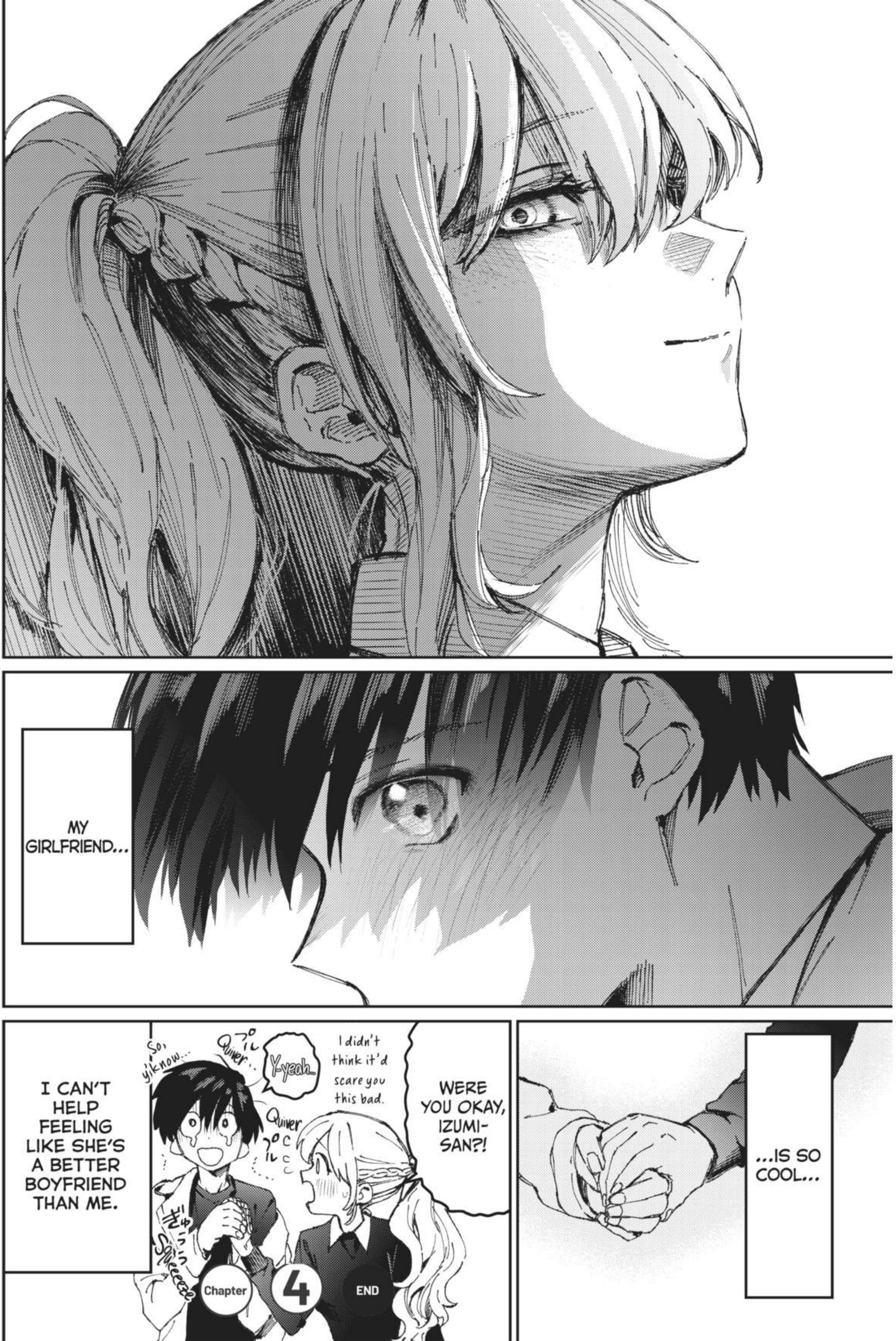
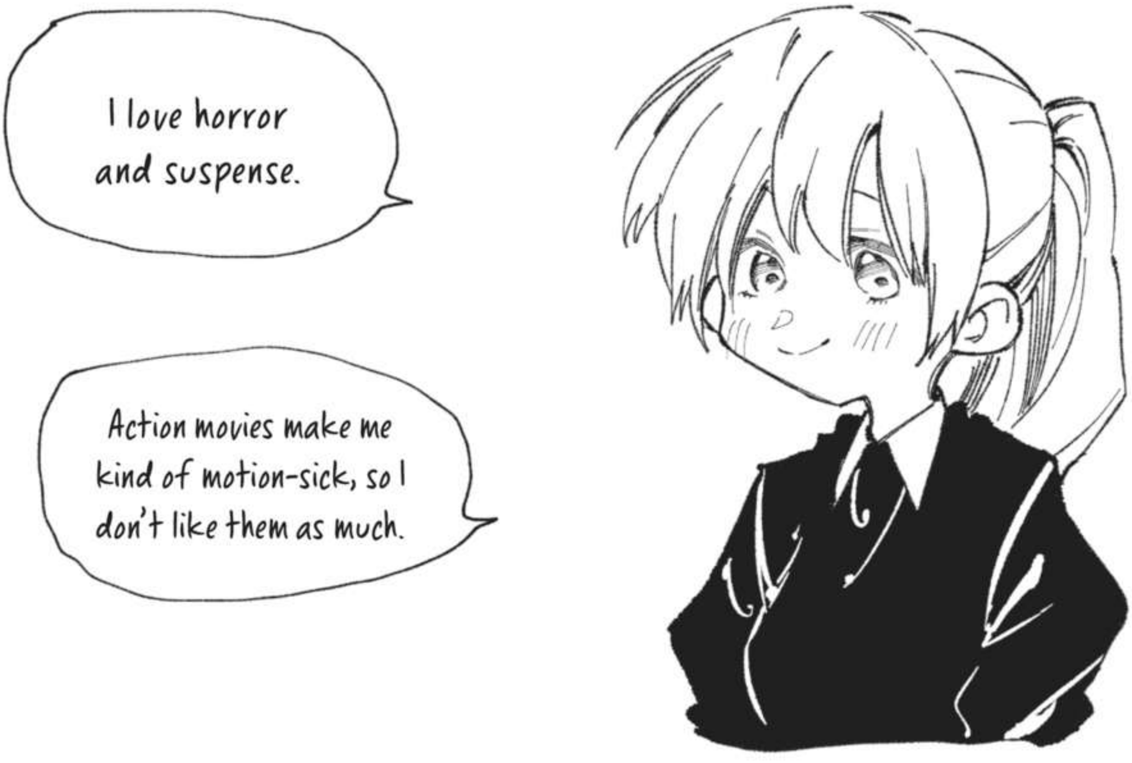
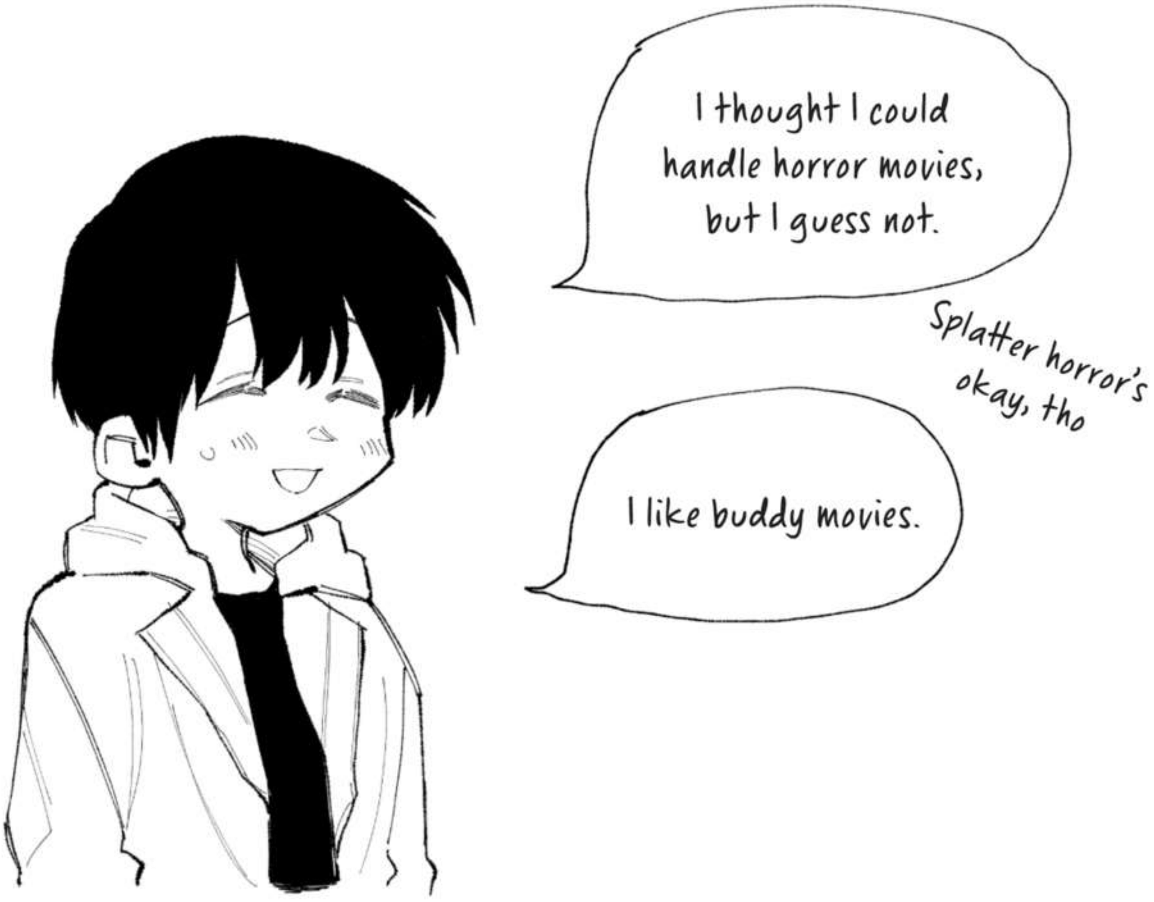
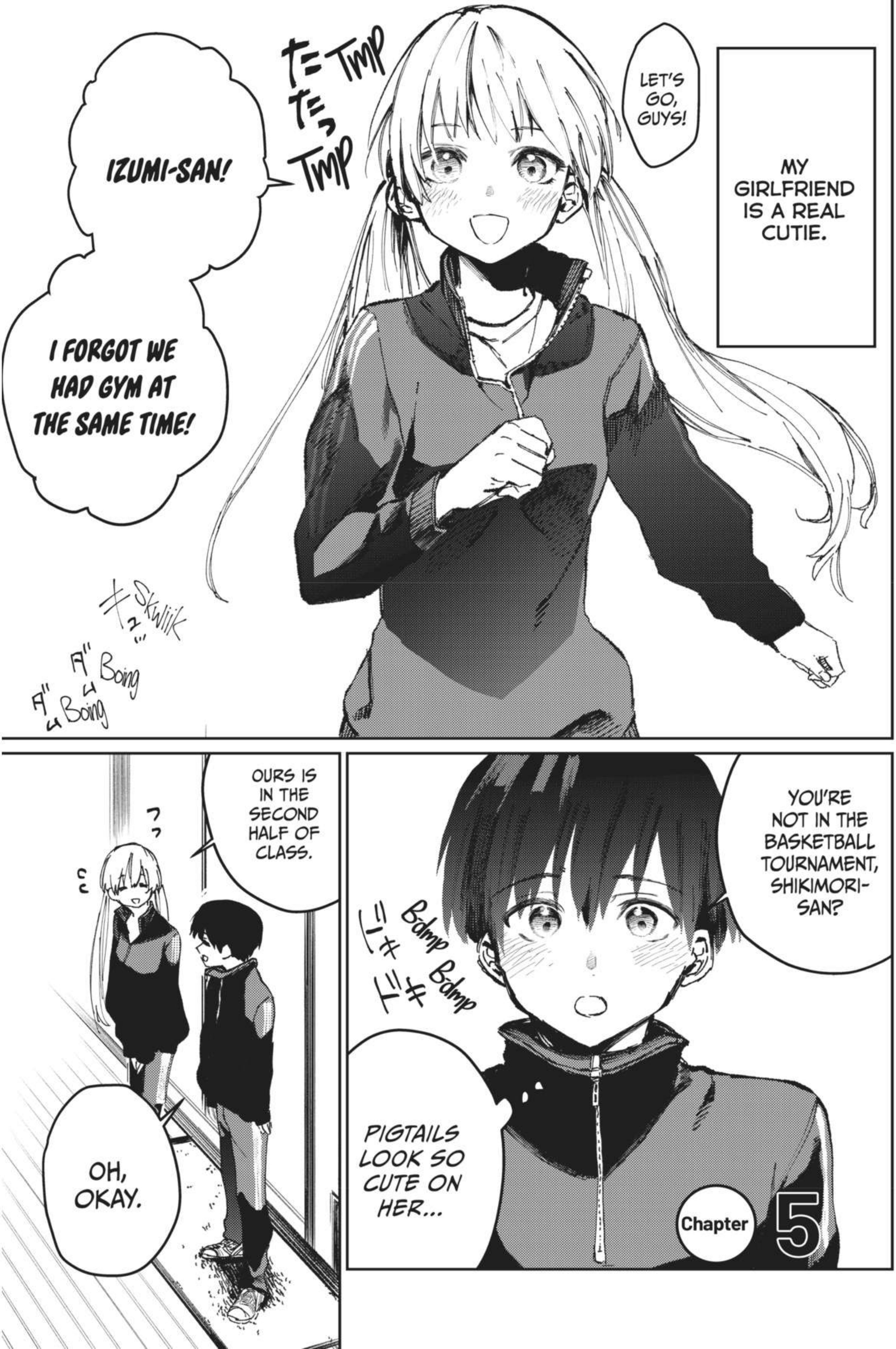
ハッ
GASP
HOLD ON!
*HOW HE IMAGINES IT
HEH HEH
I'LL BE ABLE TO SHOW HER HOW MANLY I CAN BE!

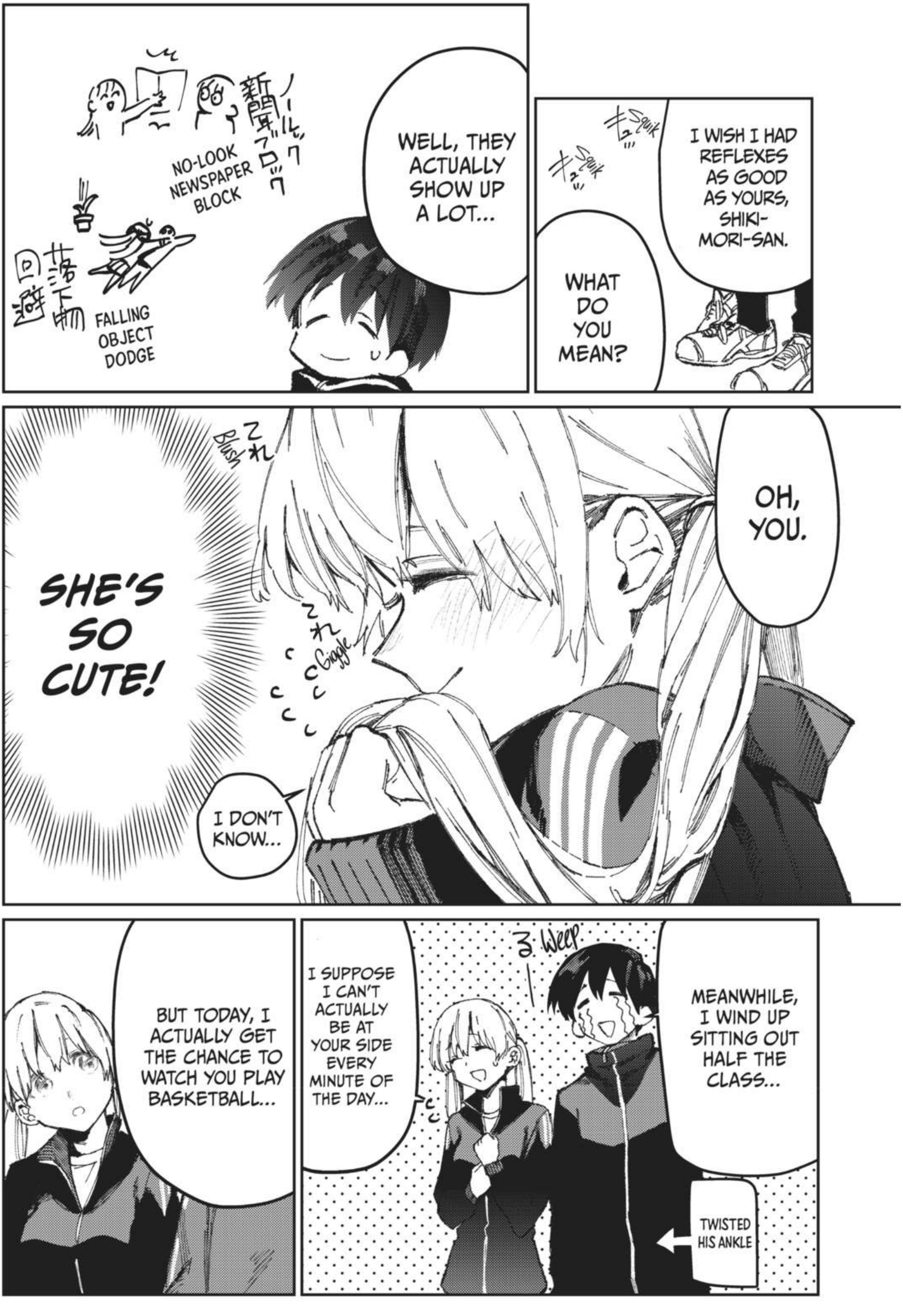

HFF
HFF
TH-THMP
TH-THMP
TH-THMP
...hngh.
...nng...!
THIS... IS...
B-dump
B-dump
...TERRIFYING.
CLENCH
I DIDN'T EXPECT IT TO BE THIS SCARY!!
HURK! I'M SO SCARED I COULD PUKE...
YEEEK
PARALYZED
I WONDER HOW SHIKIMORI-SAN'S HANDLING IT...
GLANCE
SHP
HUH?

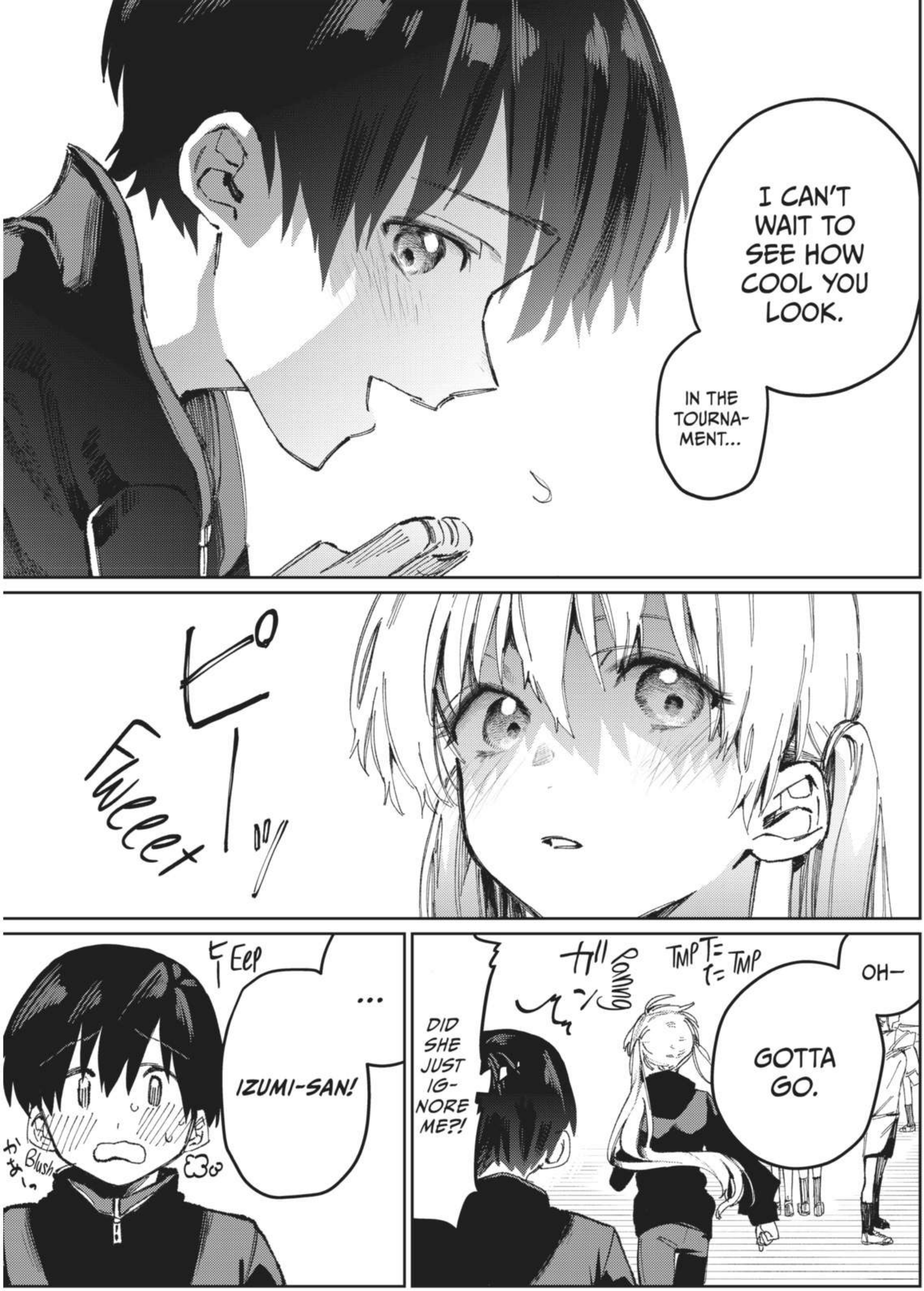

MY GIRLFRIEND...
...IS SO COOL...
WERE YOU OKAY, IZUMI-SAN?!
I didn't think it'd scare you this bad.
Y-yeah..
Quiver...
So, y'know...
Quiver
I CAN'T HELP FEELING LIKE SHE'S A BETTER BOYFRIEND THAN ME.
Squeeeeze
Chapter 4 END

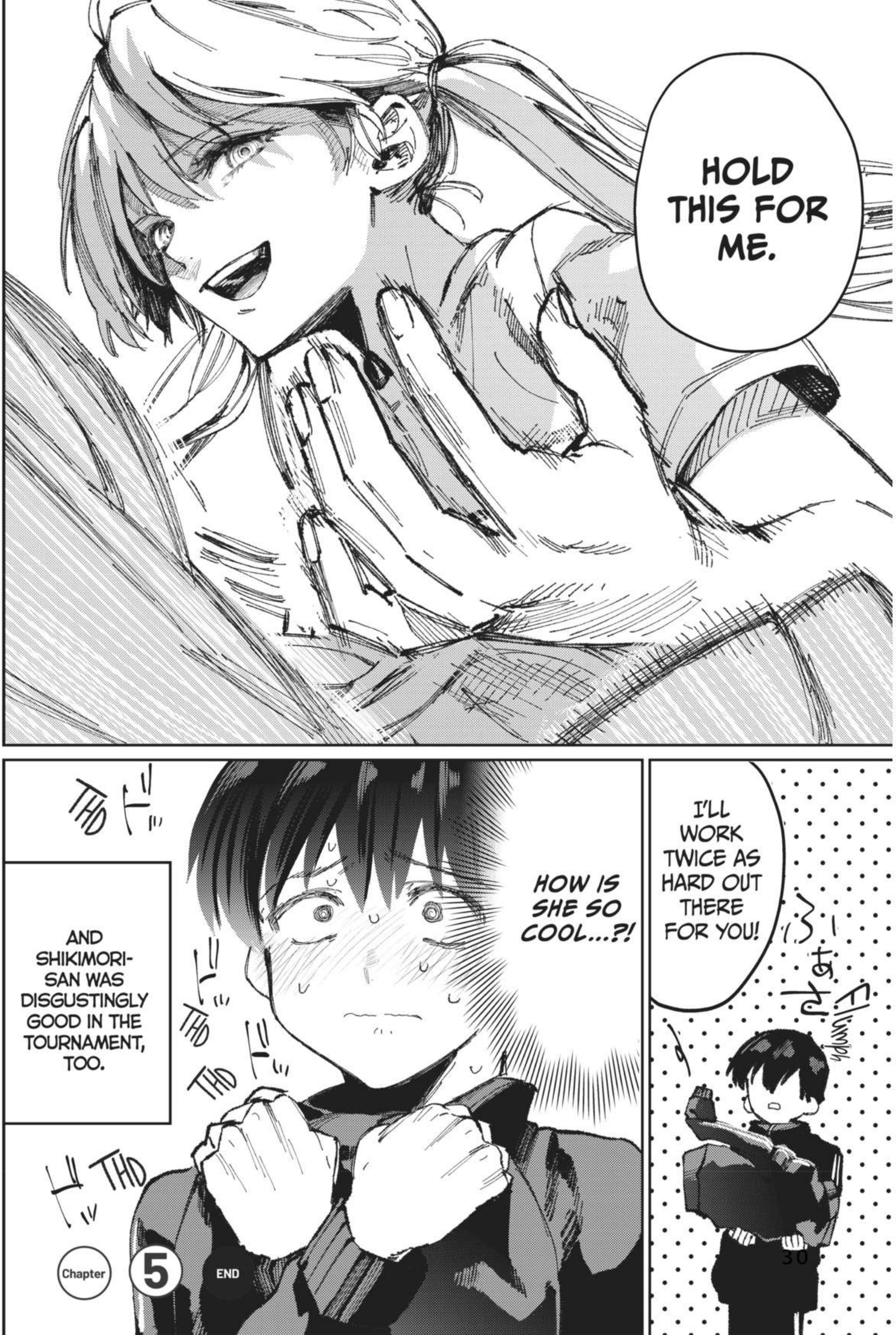

I love horror and suspense.
Action movies make me kind of motion-sick, so I don't like them as much.

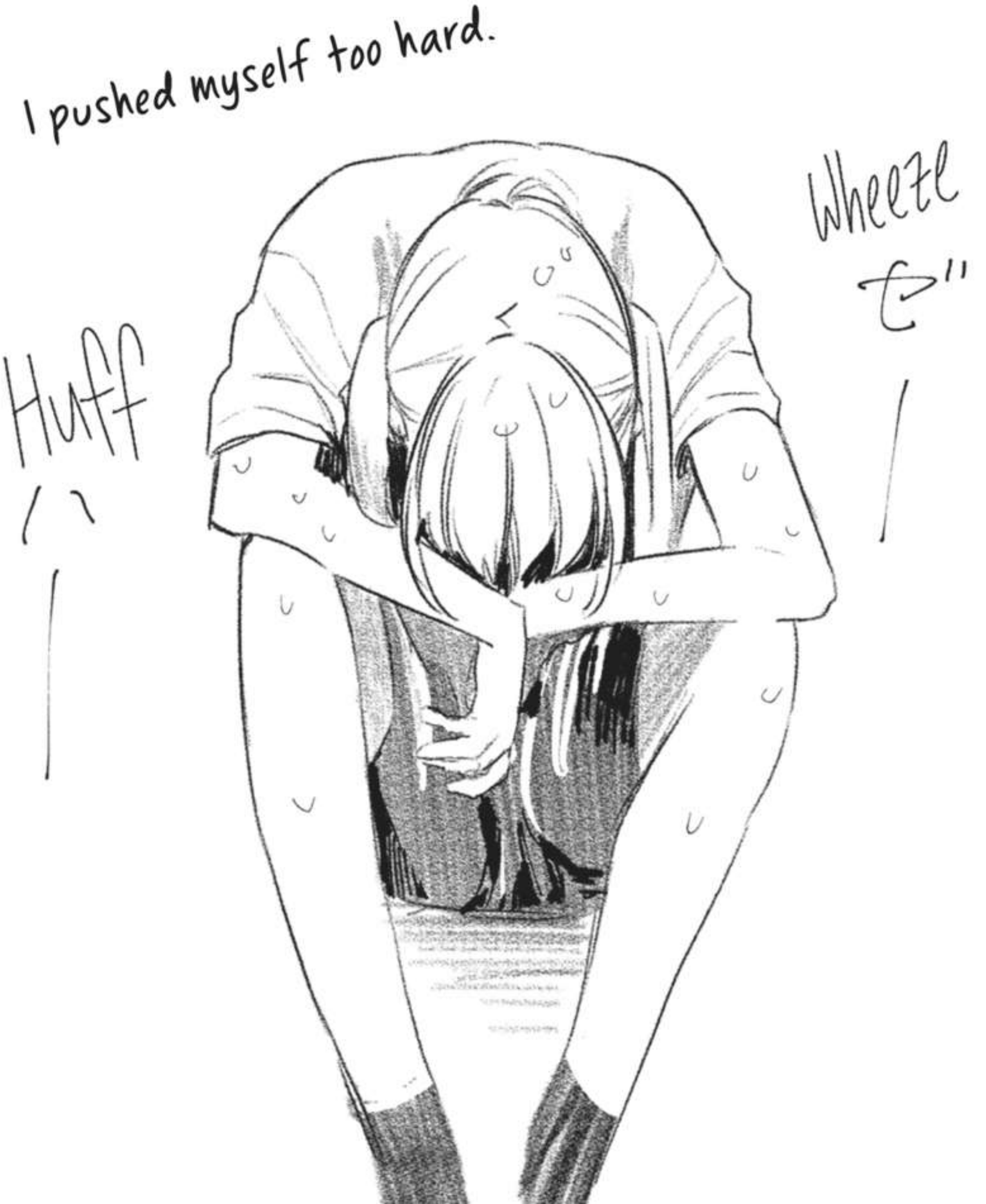

I thought I could handle horror movies, but I guess not.
Splatter horror's okay, tho
I like buddy movies.

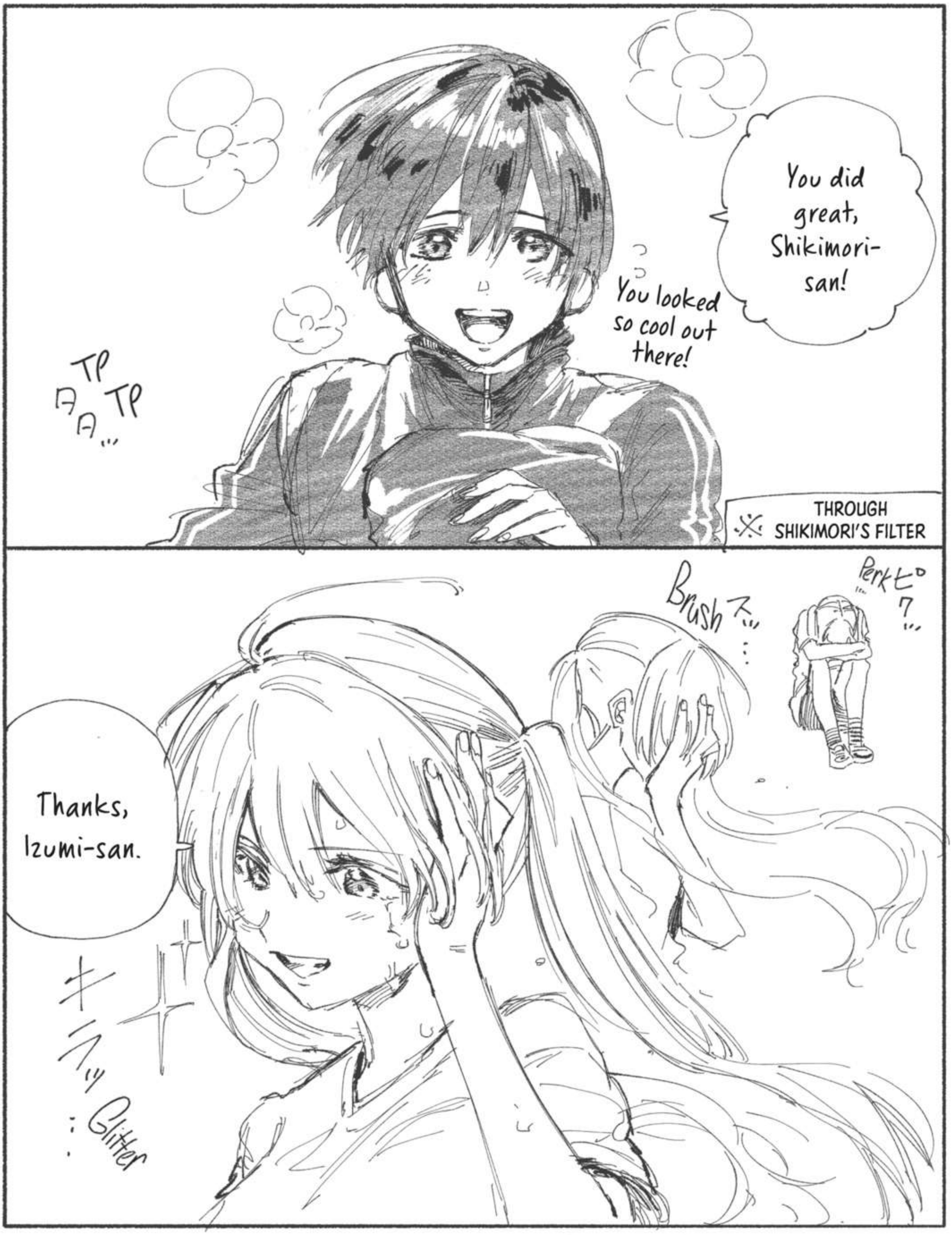

MY GIRLFRIEND IS A REAL CUTIE.
LET'S GO, GUYS!
たたっ Tmp Tmp
IZUMI-SAN!
I FORGOT WE HAD GYM AT THE SAME TIME!
キュッ Skwiik
ダム Boing
ダム Boing
YOU'RE NOT IN THE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT, SHIKIMORI-SAN?
ドキドキ B-dmp B-dmp
PIGTAILS LOOK SO CUTE ON HER...
Chapter 5
OURS IS IN THE SECOND HALF OF CLASS.
OH, OKAY.

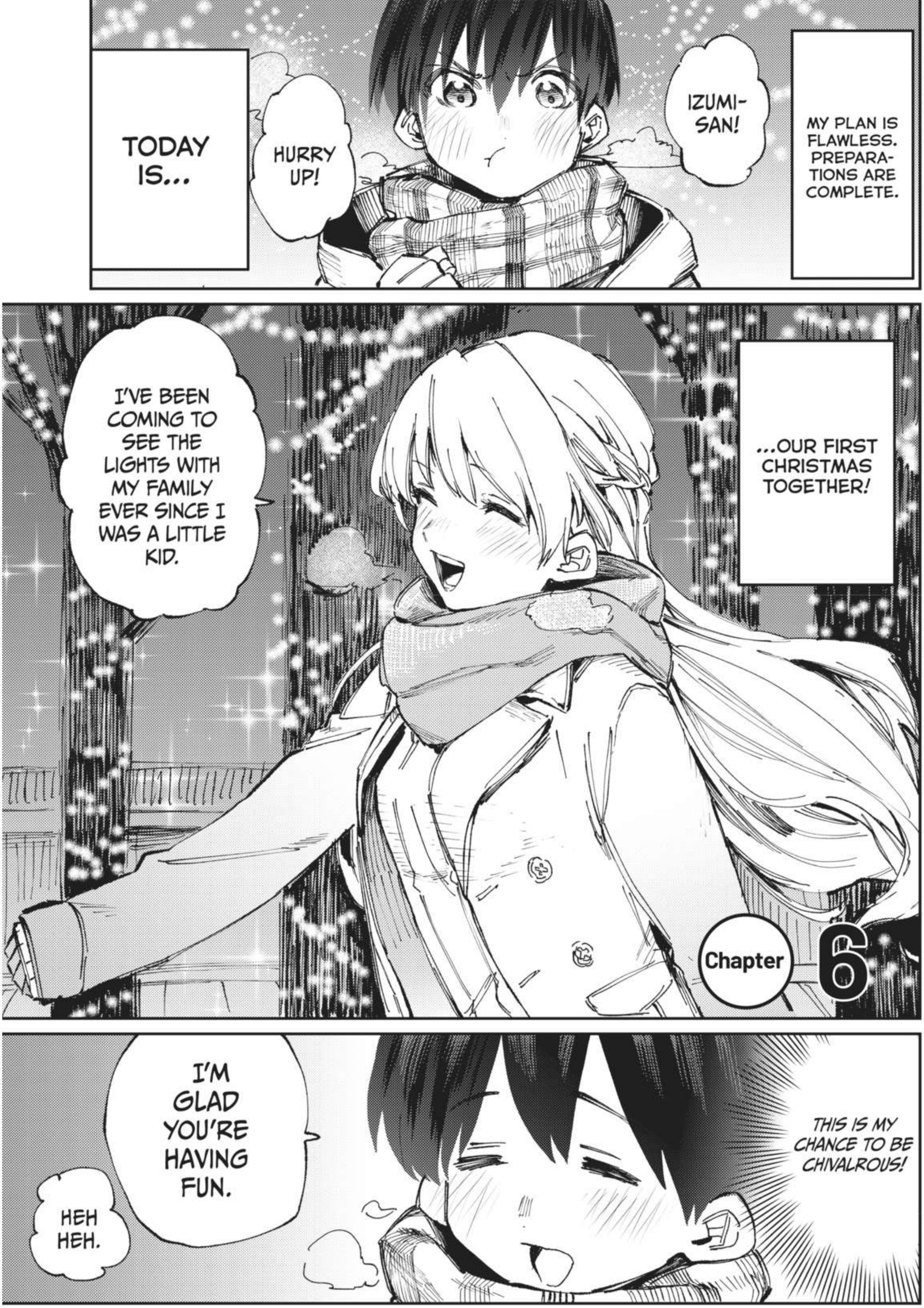

キュ Squik
キュ Squik
I WISH I HAD REFLEXES AS GOOD AS YOURS, SHIKIMORI-SAN.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WELL, THEY ACTUALLY SHOW UP A LOT...
新聞ノールックブロック
NO-LOOK NEWSPAPER BLOCK
落下物回避
FALLING OBJECT DODGE
OH, YOU.
これ Blush
SHE'S SO CUTE!
これ Giggle
I DON'T KNOW...
MEANWHILE, I WIND UP SITTING OUT HALF THE CLASS...
る Weep
TWISTED HIS ANKLE
I SUPPOSE I CAN'T ACTUALLY BE AT YOUR SIDE EVERY MINUTE OF THE DAY...
BUT TODAY, I ACTUALLY GET THE CHANCE TO WATCH YOU PLAY BASKETBALL...

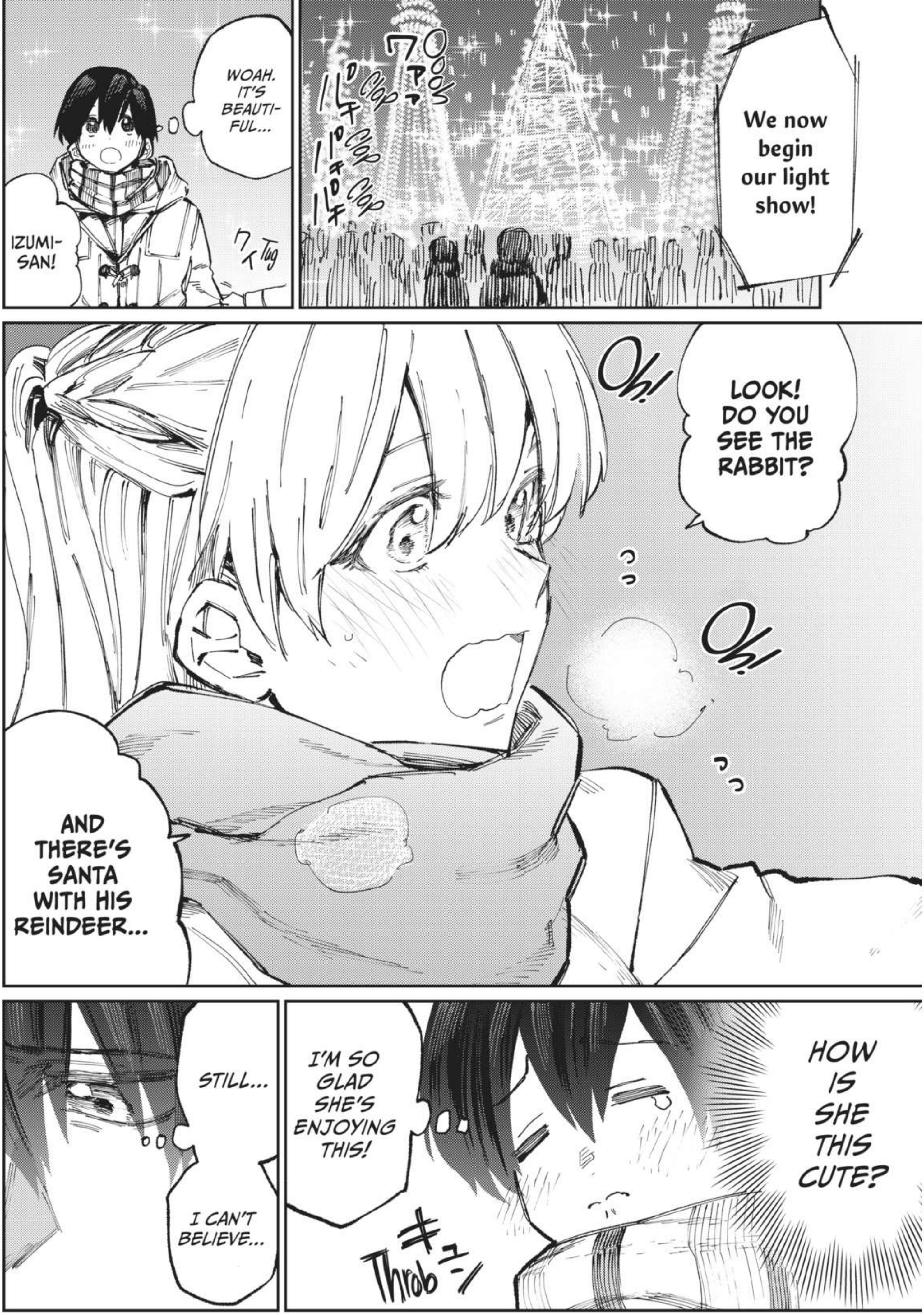

I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HOW COOL YOU LOOK.
IN THE TOURNAMENT...
ピー
Fweeet
OH—
GOTTA GO.
TMP TMP
ガーン
Ponnng
DID SHE JUST IGNORE ME?!
Eep
...
IZUMI-SAN!
かぁっ
Blush

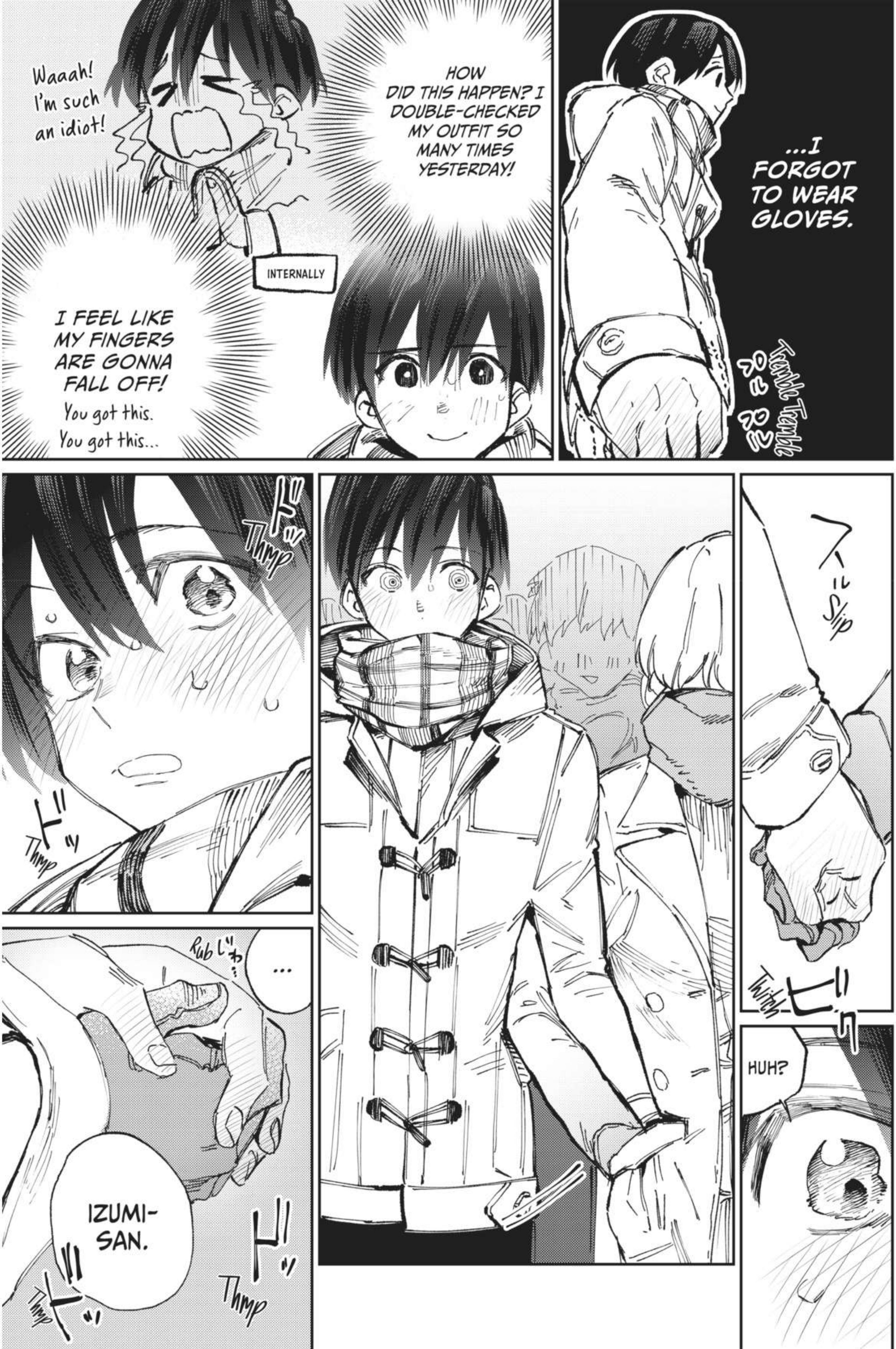

HOLD THIS FOR ME.
I'LL WORK TWICE AS HARD OUT THERE FOR YOU!
ふぁさ
FLUMPH
HOW IS SHE SO COOL...?!
THD ドッ
THD ドッ
THD ドッ
THD ドッ
AND SHIKIMORI-SAN WAS DISGUSTINGLY GOOD IN THE TOURNAMENT, TOO.
Chapter 5 END

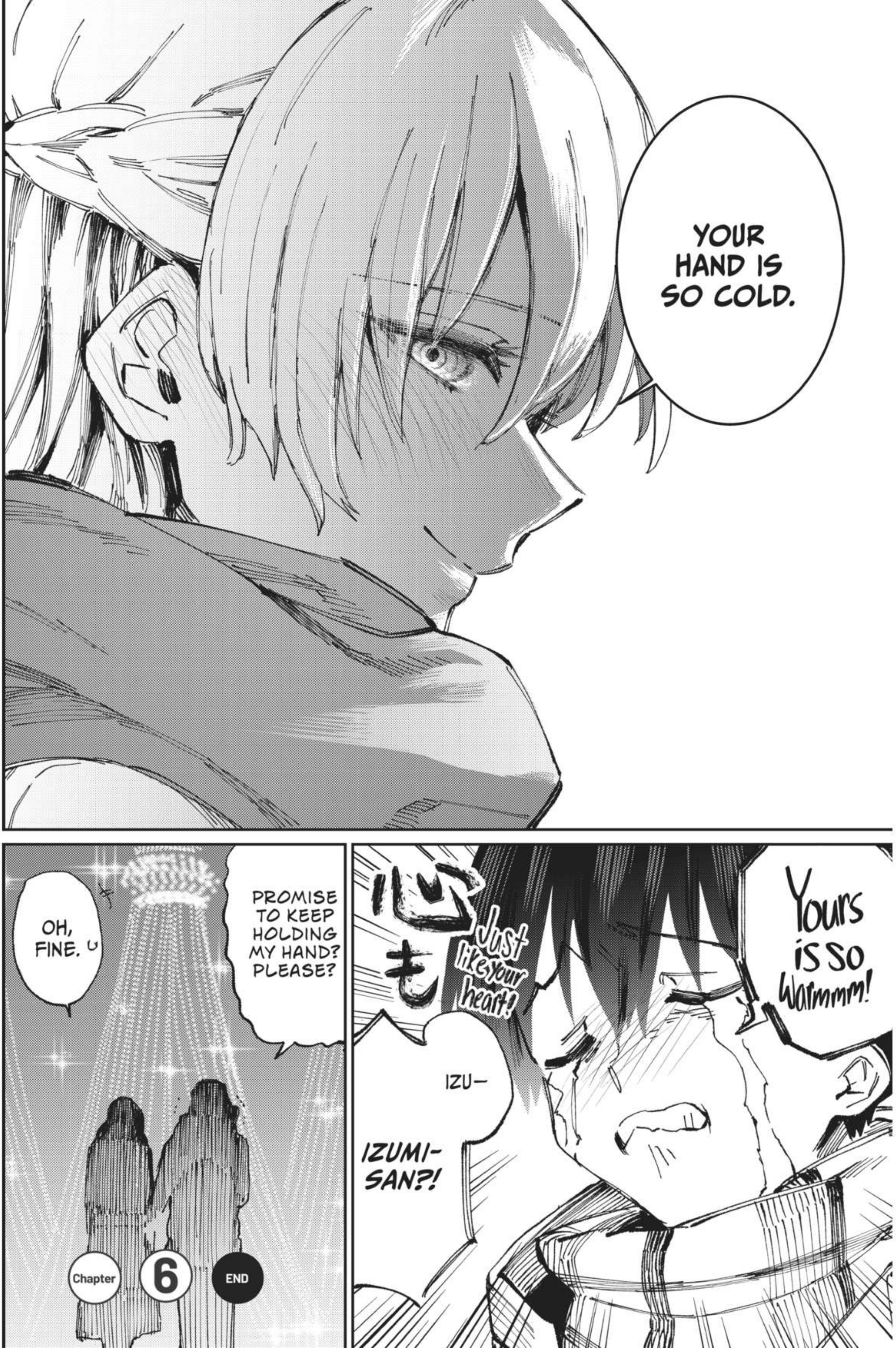

I pushed myself too hard.
Wheeze
ゼー
Huff
ハー

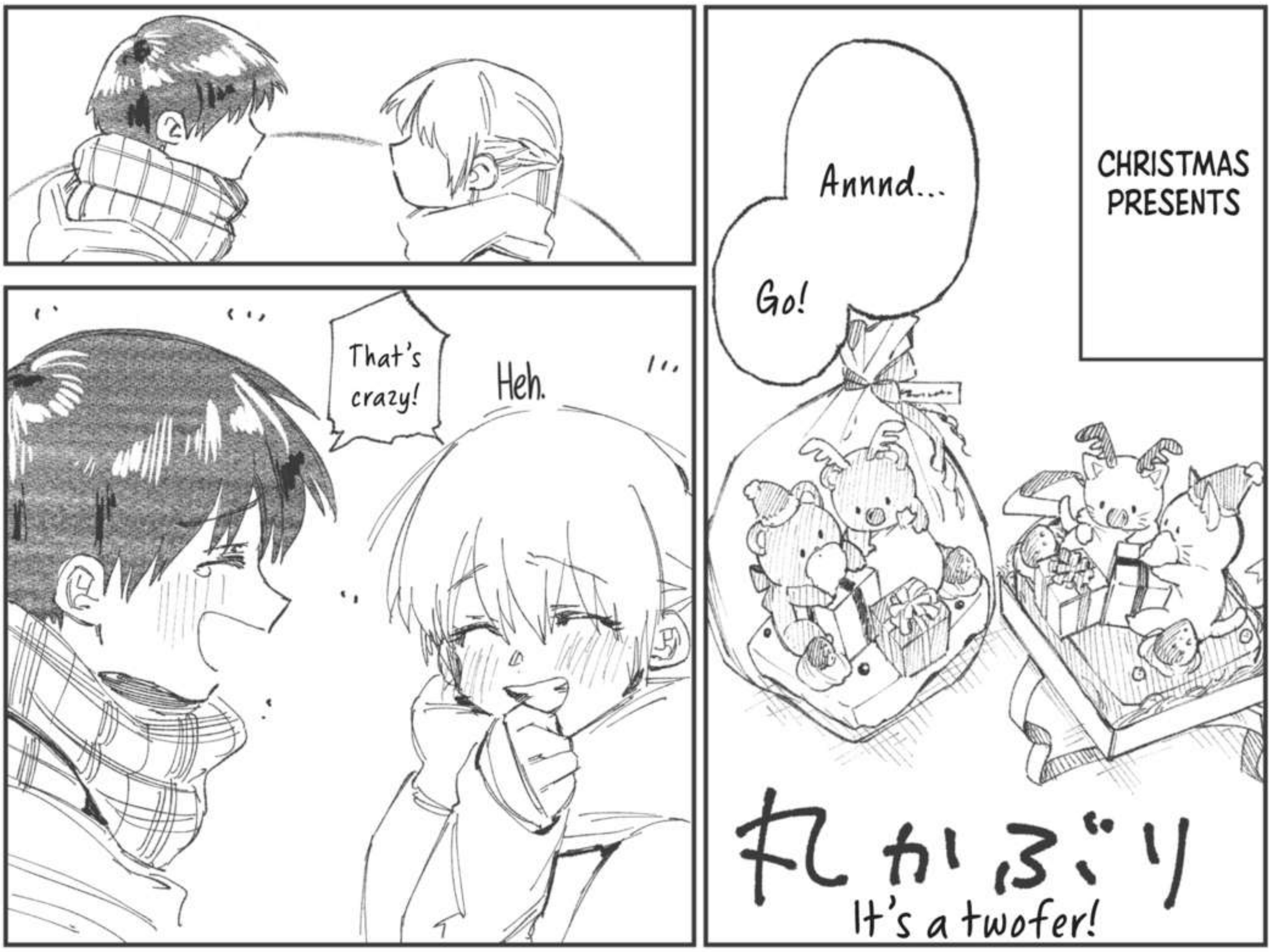

You did great, Shikimori-san!
You looked so cool out there!
TP TP
タタ...
※ THROUGH SHIKIMORI'S FILTER
Perk ピク...
Brush スッ...
Thanks, Izumi-san.
キラッ Glitter


MY PLAN IS FLAWLESS. PREPARATIONS ARE COMPLETE.
IZUMI-SAN!
HURRY UP!
TODAY IS...
...OUR FIRST CHRISTMAS TOGETHER!
I'VE BEEN COMING TO SEE THE LIGHTS WITH MY FAMILY EVER SINCE I WAS A LITTLE KID.
Chapter 6
THIS IS MY CHANCE TO BE CHIVALROUS!
I'M GLAD YOU'RE HAVING FUN.
HEH HEH.


We now begin our light show!
Oooh ワァァ
Clap Clap Clap Clap パチパチパチパチ
WOAH. IT'S BEAUTIFUL...
IZUMI-SAN!
Tug クイ
Oh!
LOOK! DO YOU SEE THE RABBIT?
Oh!
AND THERE'S SANTA WITH HIS REINDEER...
HOW IS SHE THIS CUTE?
I'M SO GLAD SHE'S ENJOYING THIS!
Throb キュン
STILL...
I CAN'T BELIEVE...


...I FORGOT TO WEAR GLOVES.
Tremble Tremble
HOW DID THIS HAPPEN? I DOUBLE-CHECKED MY OUTFIT SO MANY TIMES YESTERDAY!
Waaah! I'm such an idiot!
INTERNALLY
I FEEL LIKE MY FINGERS ARE GONNA FALL OFF!
You got this. You got this...
スーッ Slip
ビクッ Twitch
ドッ Thmp
ドッ Thmp
HUH?
...
Rub じわ...
IZUMI-SAN.
ドッ Thmp
ドッ Thmp


YOUR HAND IS SO COLD.
Yours is so Warmmm!
心も
Just like your heart!
IZU—
IZUMI-SAN?!
PROMISE TO KEEP HOLDING MY HAND? PLEASE?
OH, FINE.
Chapter 6 END


CHRISTMAS PRESENTS
Annnd...
Go!
丸かぶり
It's a twofer!
Heh.
That's crazy!

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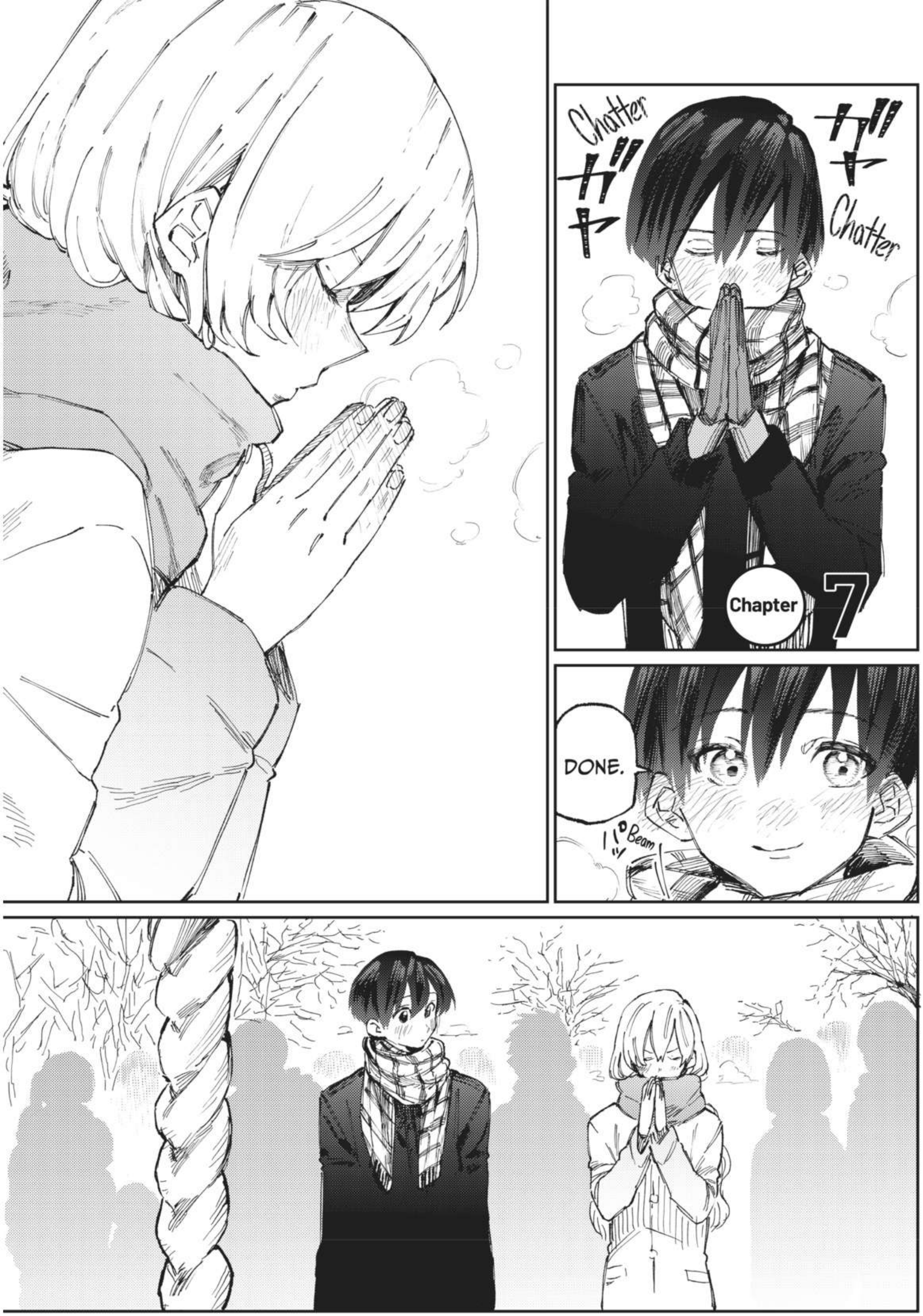
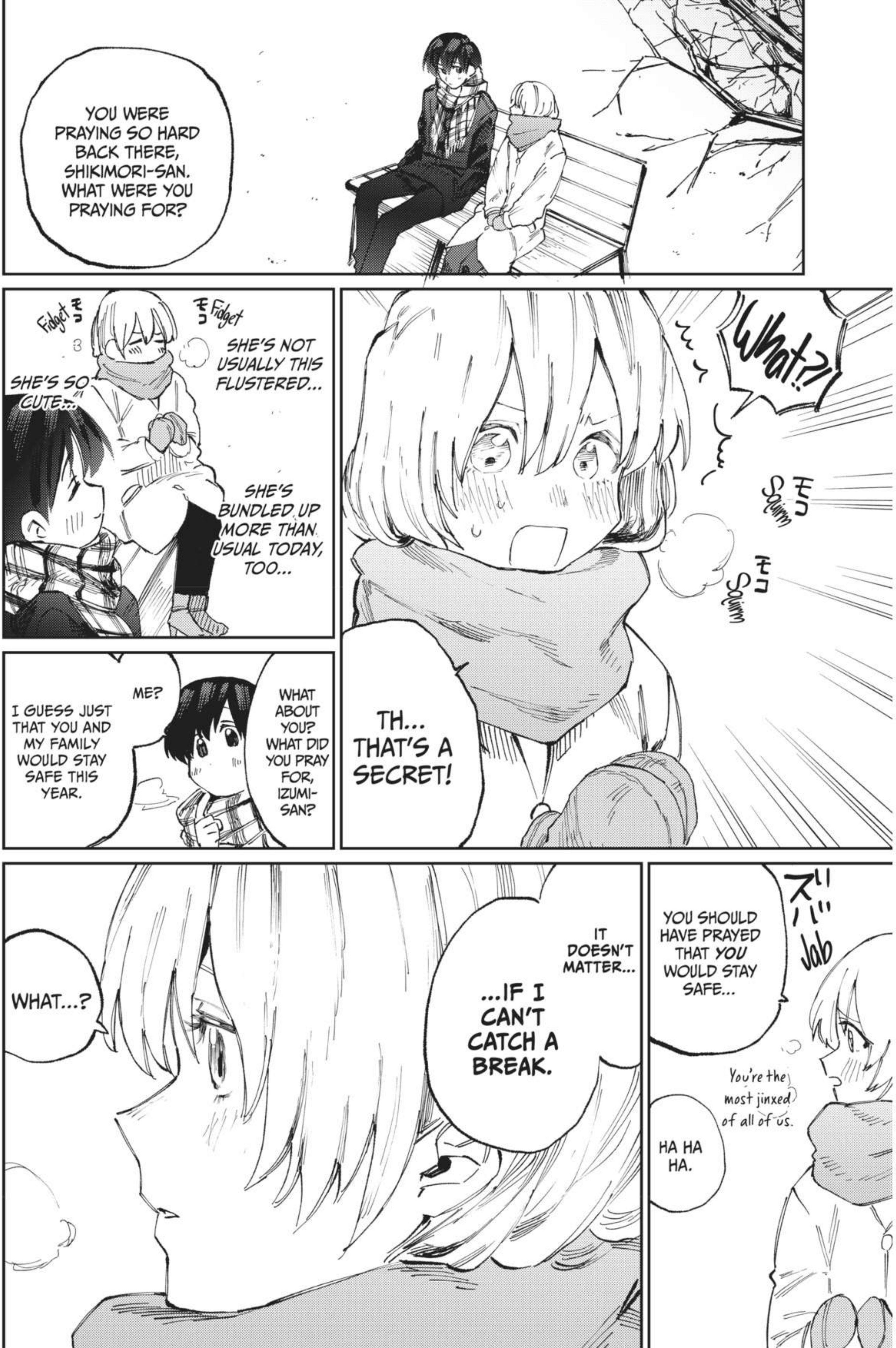
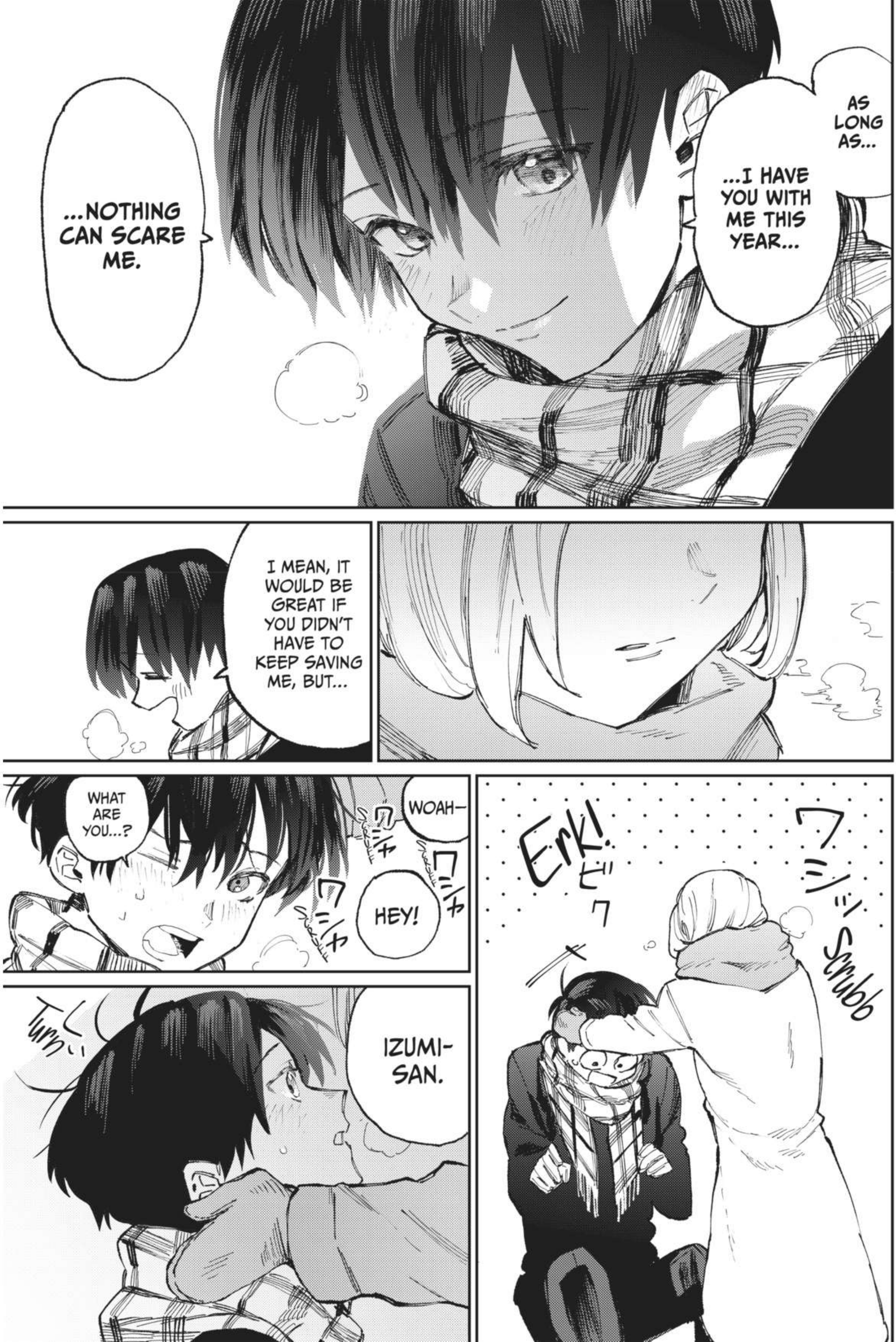
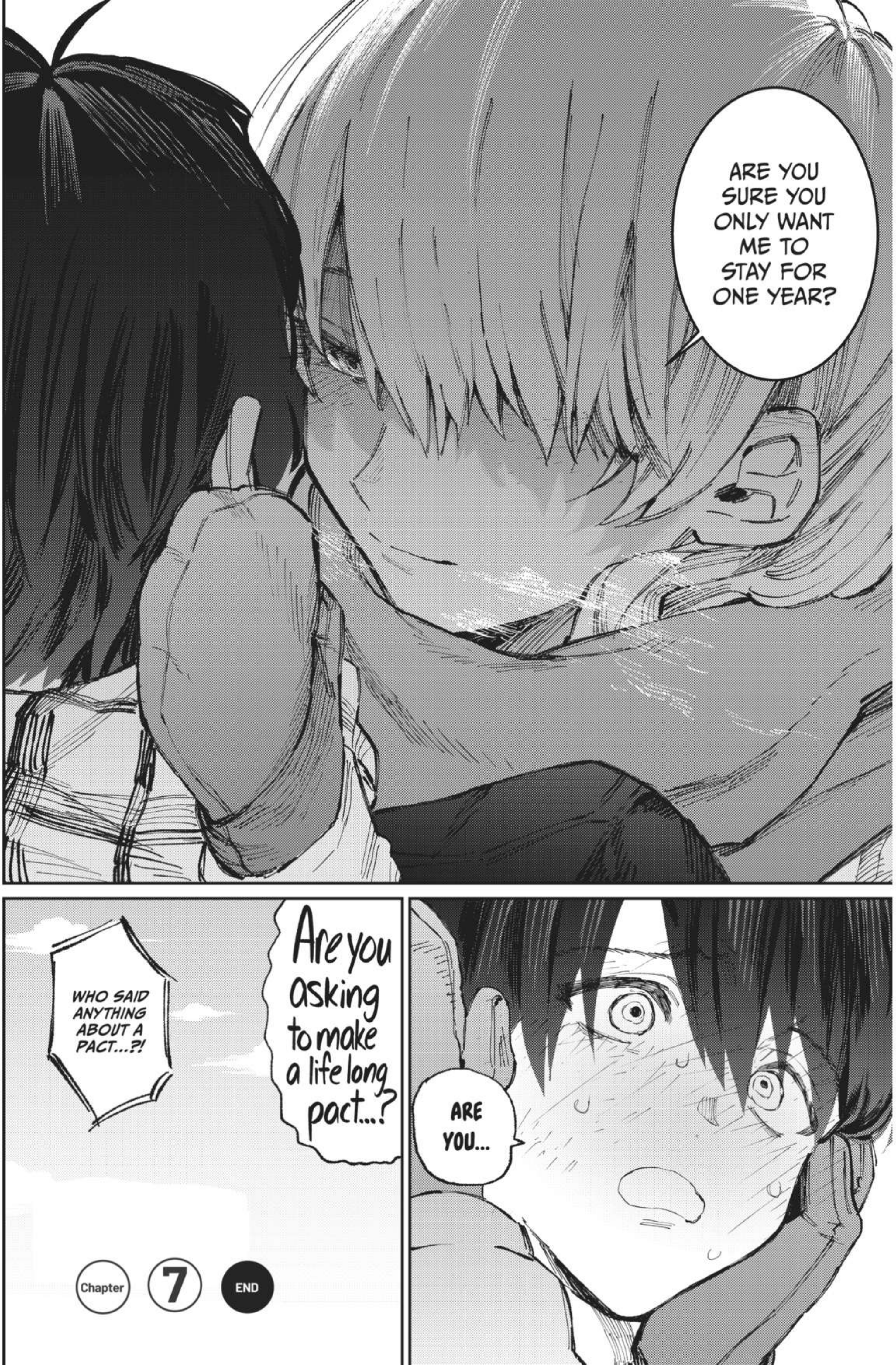
Chapter 7


ガヤ Chatter
ガヤ Chatter
DONE.
ニパ Beam


YOU WERE PRAYING SO HARD BACK THERE, SHIKIMORI-SAN. WHAT WERE YOU PRAYING FOR?
What?!
モコ Squirm
モコ Squirm
TH... THAT'S A SECRET!
モコ Fidget
Fidget モコ
SHE'S NOT USUALLY THIS FLUSTERED...
SHE'S SO CUTE...
SHE'S BUNDLED UP MORE THAN USUAL TODAY, TOO...
WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHAT DID YOU PRAY FOR, IZUMI-SAN?
ME?
I GUESS JUST THAT YOU AND MY FAMILY WOULD STAY SAFE THIS YEAR.
ズバ Jab
YOU SHOULD HAVE PRAYED THAT *YOU* WOULD STAY SAFE...
You're the most jinxed of all of us.
HA HA HA.
IT DOESN'T MATTER...
...IF I CAN'T CATCH A BREAK.
WHAT...?


AS LONG AS...
...I HAVE YOU WITH ME THIS YEAR...
...NOTHING CAN SCARE ME.
I MEAN, IT WOULD BE GREAT IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO KEEP SAVING ME, BUT...
Erk! ビクッ
ワシッ Scrubb
ワシャ Scrubb
ワシャ Scrubb
WOAH–
HEY!
WHAT ARE YOU...?
IZUMI-SAN.
Turn くいっ

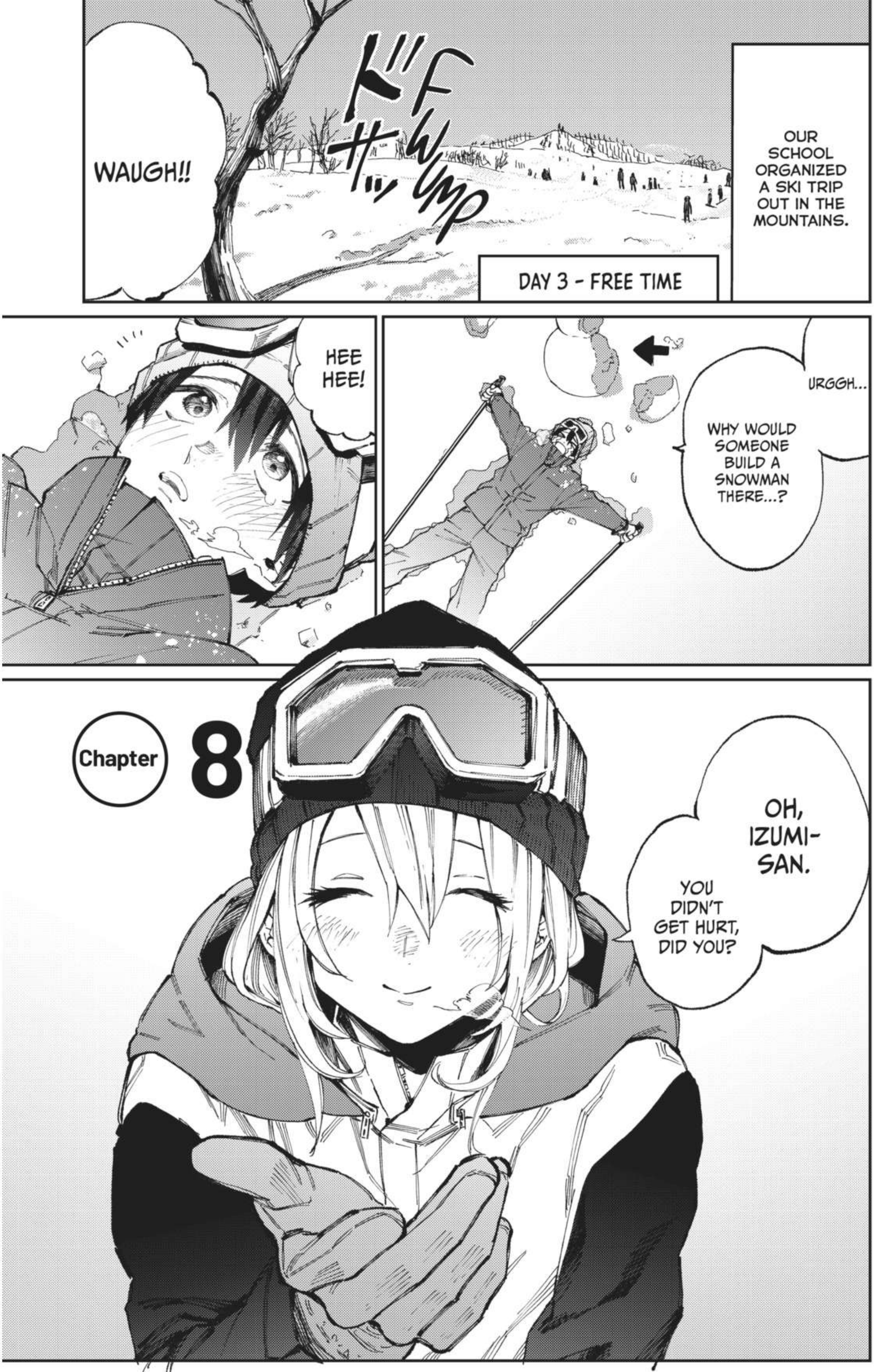

ARE YOU SURE YOU ONLY WANT ME TO STAY FOR ONE YEAR?
ARE YOU...
Are you asking to make a life long pact...?
WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT A PACT...?!
Chapter 7 END

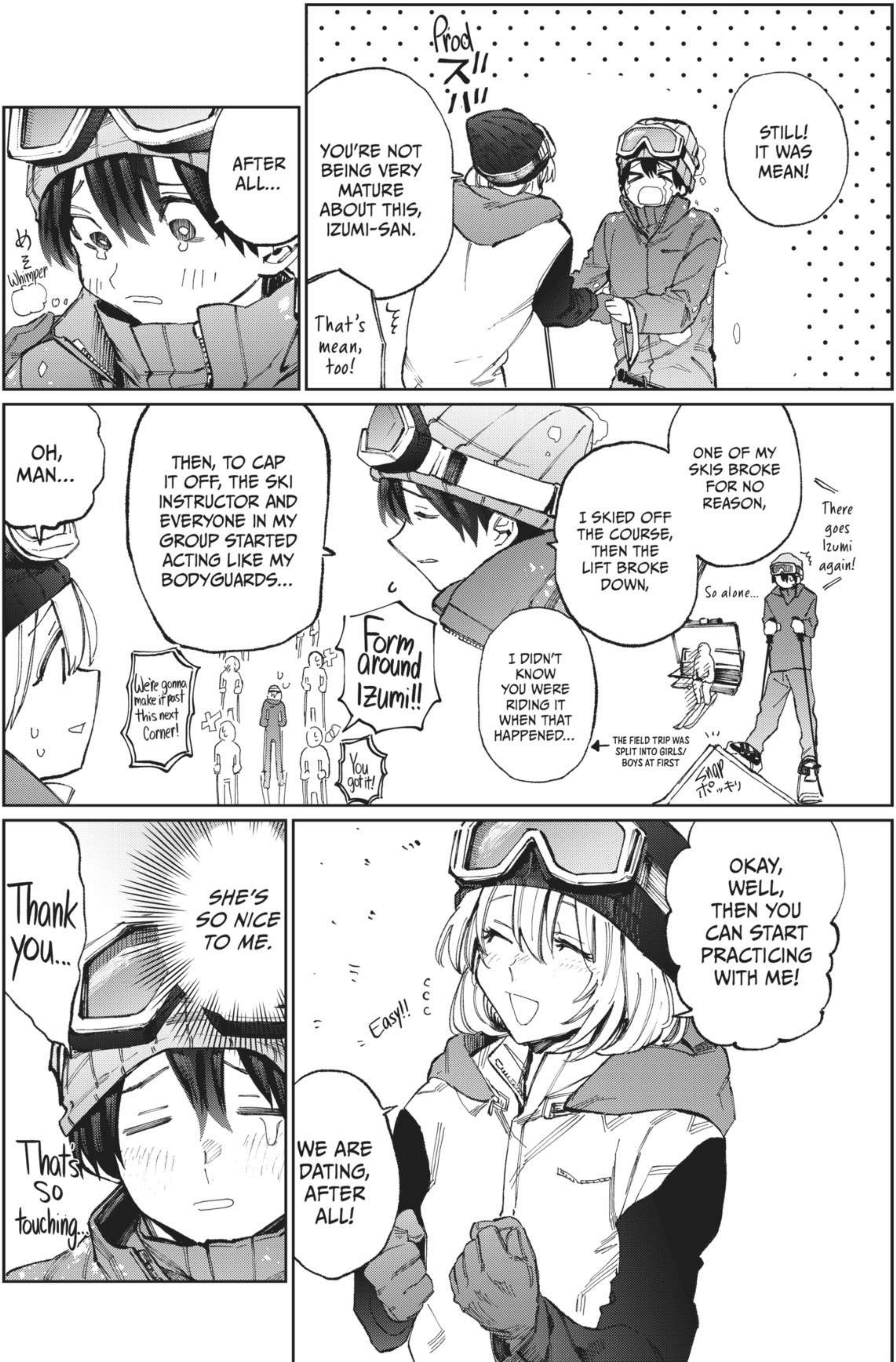
SHIKIMORI'S
not just a cutie
もち もち
Spongey
ぷく ぷく
FLUFFY
まる～
SOFT 'N' SNUG
ほわ ほわ
WARM 'N' TOASTY
コロコロ
ROLY-POLY
ふわ ふわ
AIRY
ぽか ぽか
BUNDLED UP~~

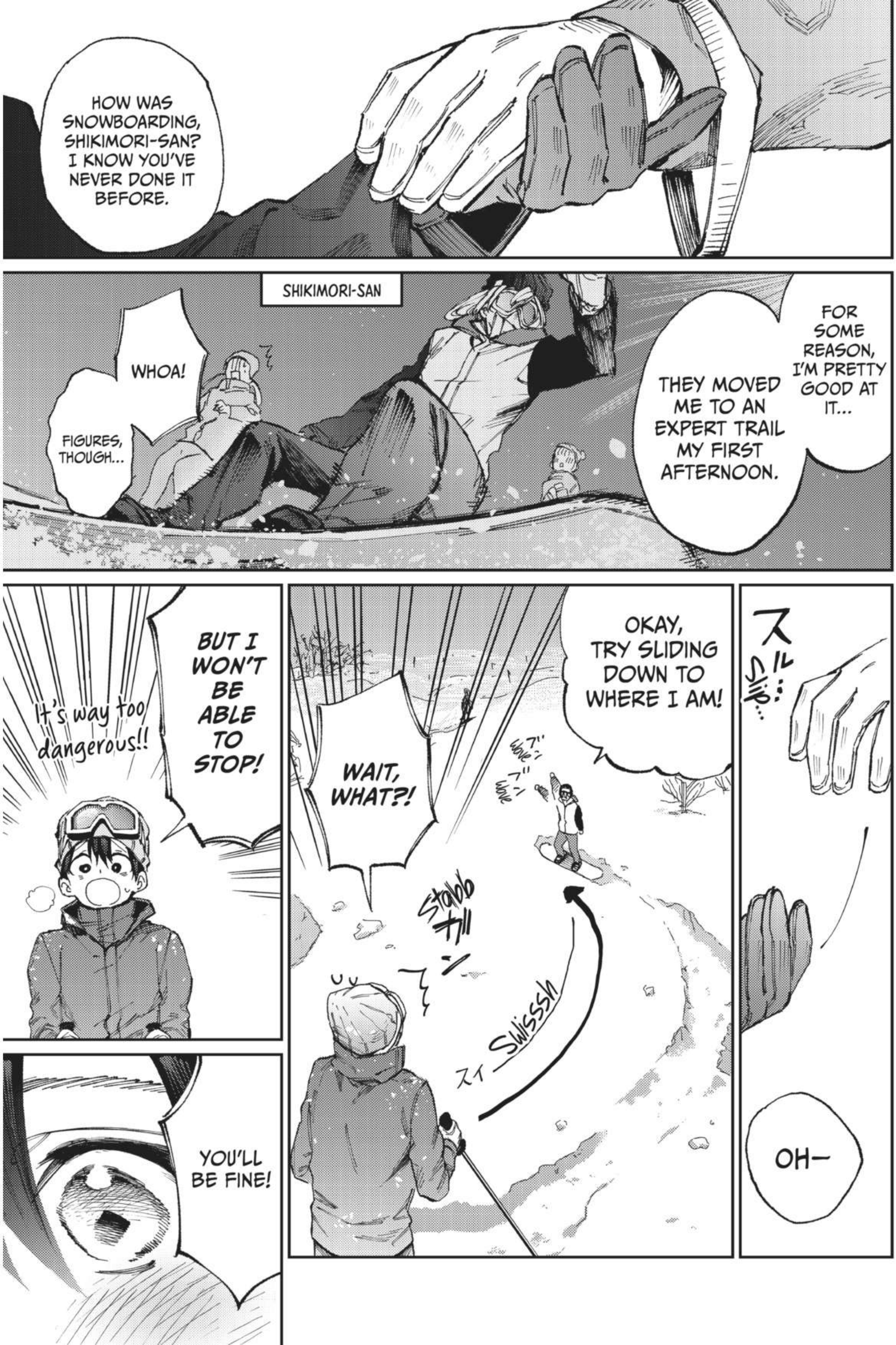
SHIKIMORI'S Not just a cutie

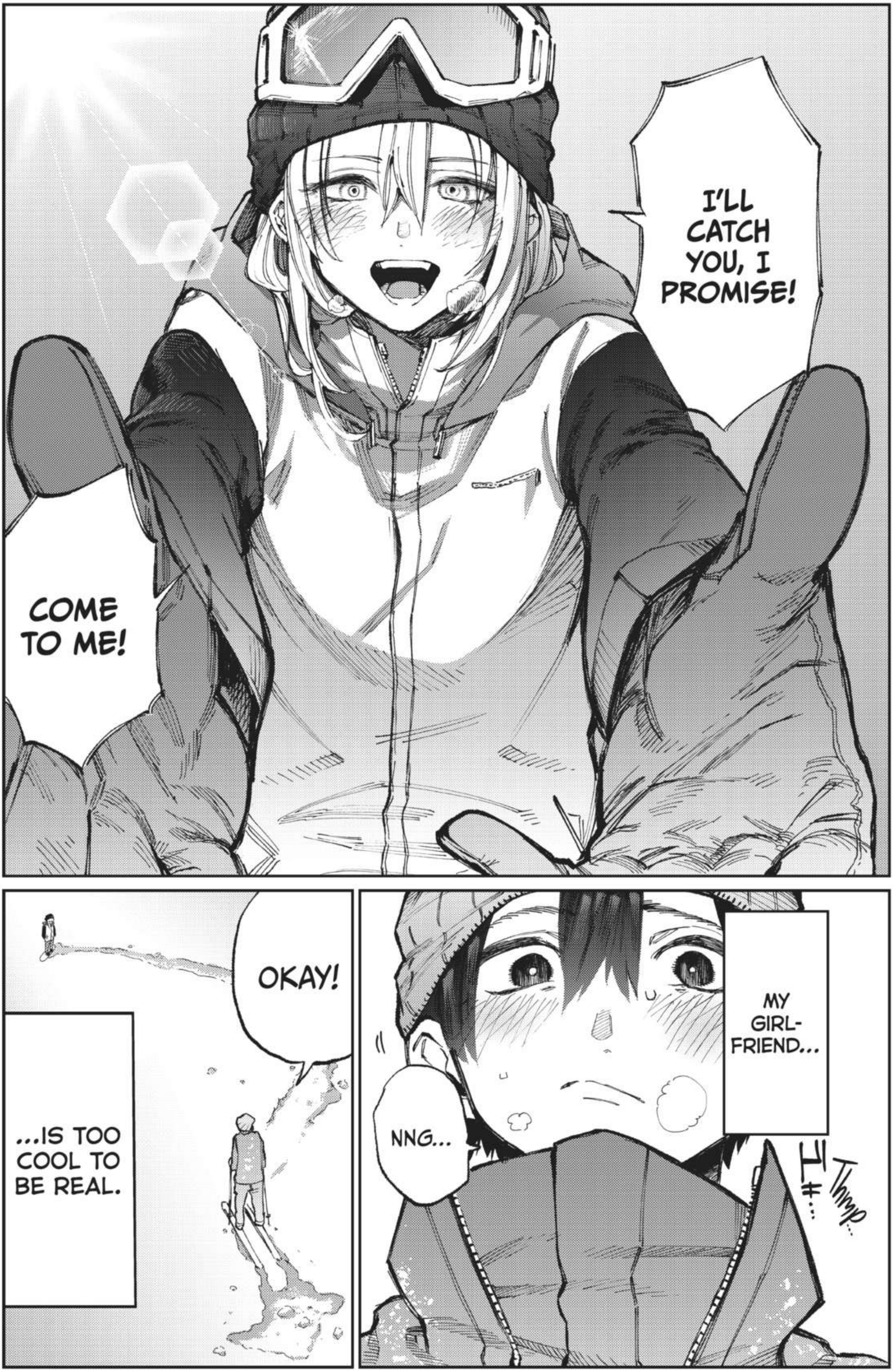
Hey, we match.

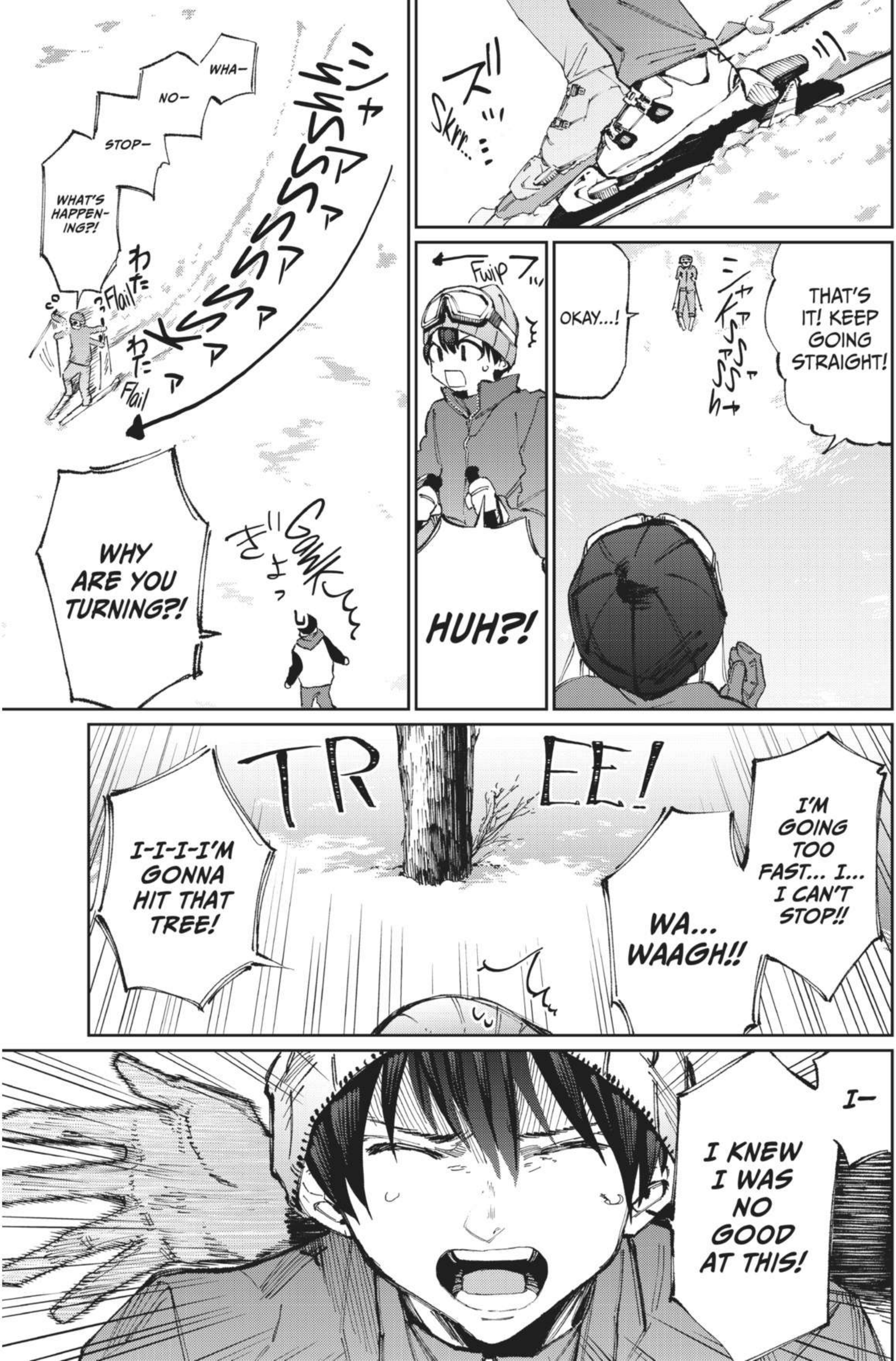
Chapter 8

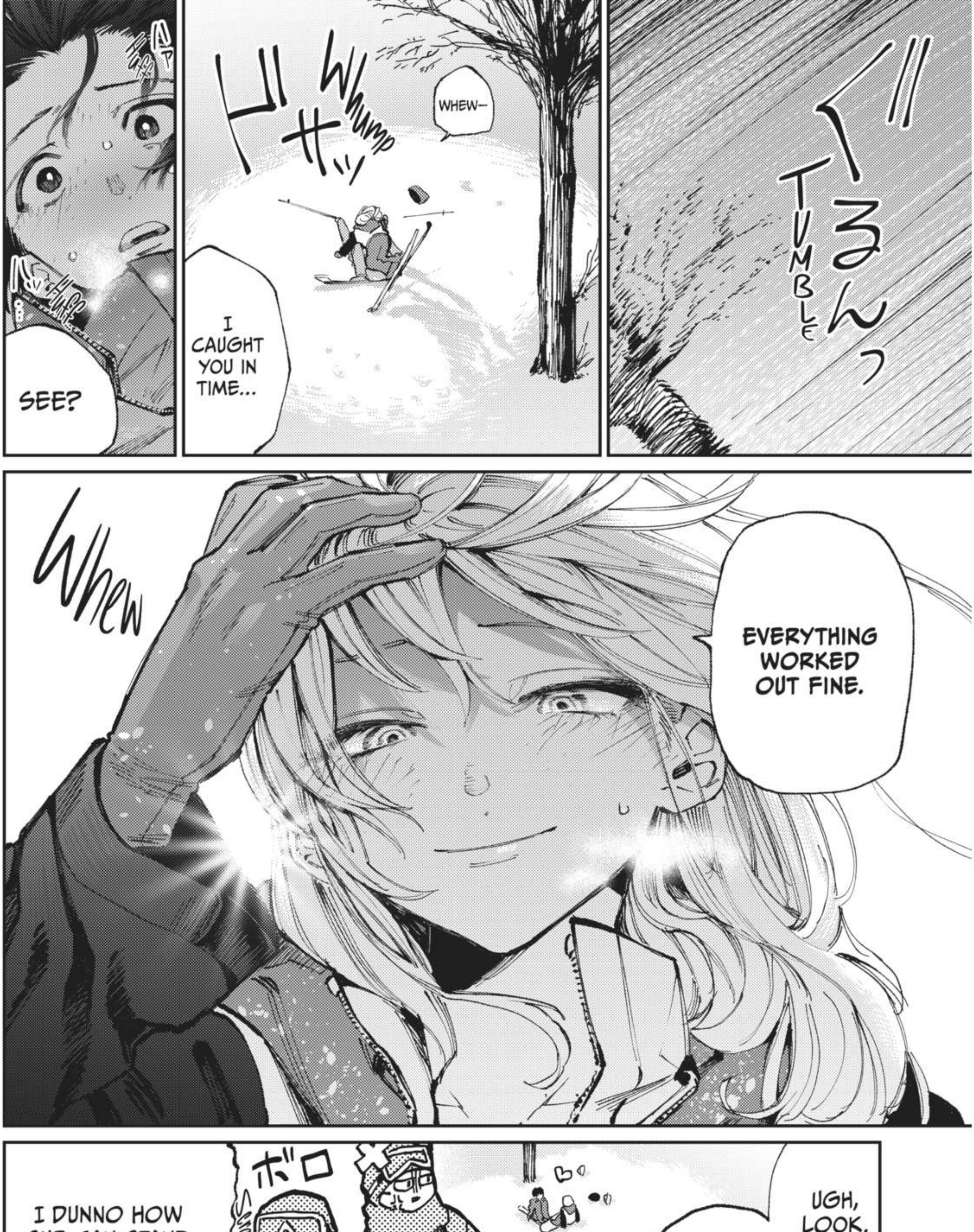

OUR SCHOOL ORGANIZED A SKI TRIP OUT IN THE MOUNTAINS.
DAY 3 - FREE TIME
ドサッ
FWUMP
WAUGH!!
URGGH...
WHY WOULD SOMEONE BUILD A SNOWMAN THERE...?
HEE HEE!
OH, IZUMI-SAN.
YOU DIDN'T GET HURT, DID YOU?


STILL! IT WAS MEAN!
Prod
ズバ
YOU'RE NOT BEING VERY MATURE ABOUT THIS, IZUMI-SAN.
That's mean, too!
AFTER ALL...
めそ
Whimper
There goes Izumi again!
So alone...
Snap
ポッキリ
ONE OF MY SKIS BROKE FOR NO REASON,
I SKIED OFF THE COURSE, THEN THE LIFT BROKE DOWN,
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE RIDING IT WHEN THAT HAPPENED...
THE FIELD TRIP WAS SPLIT INTO GIRLS/BOYS AT FIRST
THEN, TO CAP IT OFF, THE SKI INSTRUCTOR AND EVERYONE IN MY GROUP STARTED ACTING LIKE MY BODYGUARDS...
Form around Izumi!!
You got it!
We're gonna make it past this next Corner!
OH, MAN...
OKAY, WELL, THEN YOU CAN START PRACTICING WITH ME!
Easy!!
WE ARE DATING, AFTER ALL!
SHE'S SO NICE TO ME.
Thank you...
That's so touching...


HOW WAS SNOWBOARDING, SHIKIMORI-SAN? I KNOW YOU'VE NEVER DONE IT BEFORE.
SHIKIMORI-SAN
FOR SOME REASON, I'M PRETTY GOOD AT IT...
THEY MOVED ME TO AN EXPERT TRAIL MY FIRST AFTERNOON.
WHOA!
FIGURES, THOUGH...
スル Slip...
OH—
OKAY, TRY SLIDING DOWN TO WHERE I AM!
ブン Wave
ブン Wave
WAIT, WHAT?!
ガン Stabb
スィ— Swisssh
BUT I WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP!
It's way too dangerous!!
YOU'LL BE FINE!


I'LL CATCH YOU, I PROMISE!
COME TO ME!
MY GIRLFRIEND...
NNG...
ドキ…
Thmp...
OKAY!
...IS TOO COOL TO BE REAL.

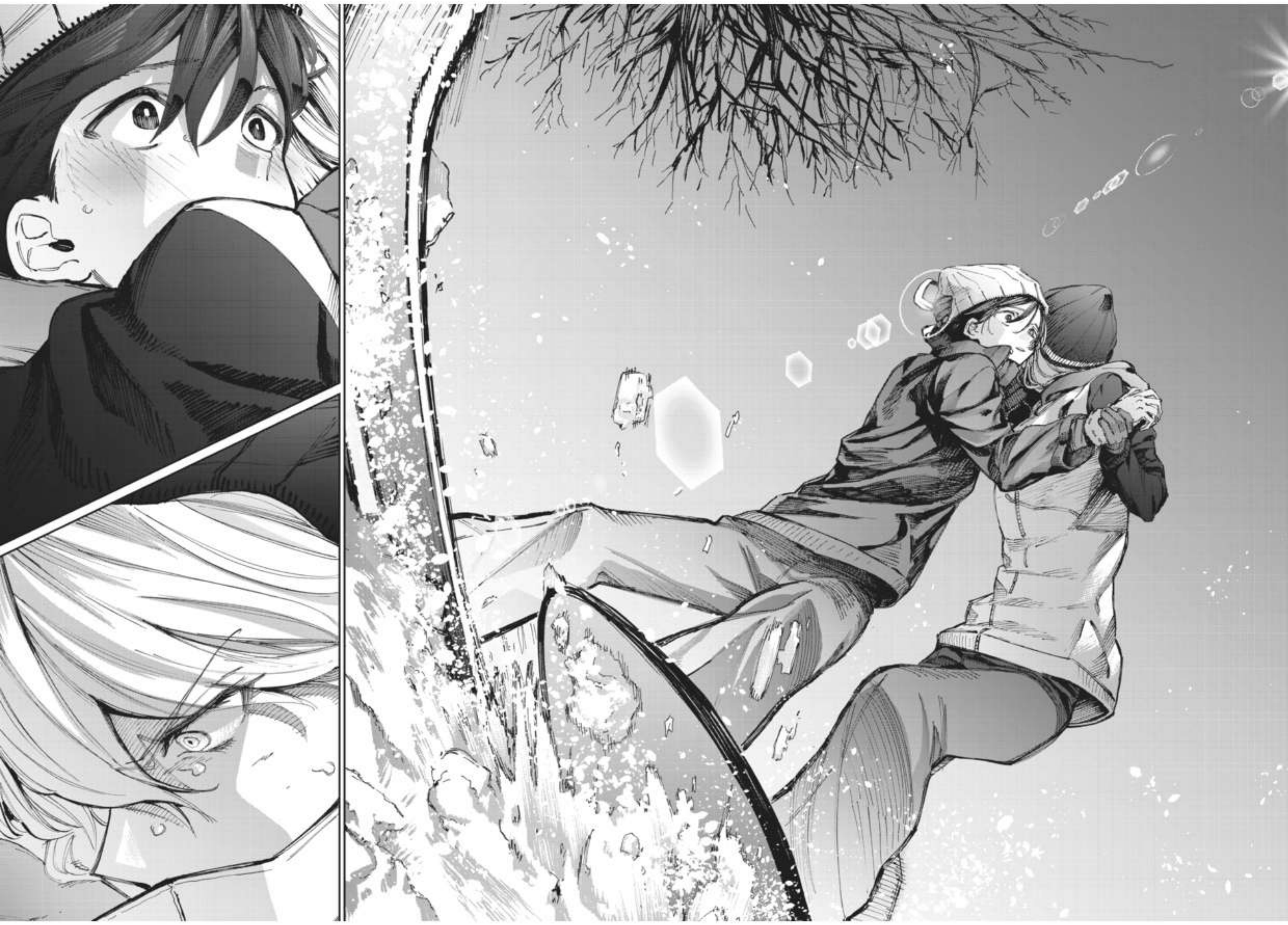

ズッ
Skrr...
THAT'S IT! KEEP GOING STRAIGHT!
OKAY...!
シャアアアアア
Kssss
Fwip
HUH?!
WHA—
NO—
STOP—
WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
シャアアアアアア
KSSSSS
わたわた
Flail
Flail
WHY ARE YOU TURNING?!
ぎょっ
Gawk
I'M GOING TOO FAST... I... I CAN'T STOP!!
WA... WAAGH!!
TREE!
I-I-I-I'M GONNA HIT THAT TREE!
I—
I KNEW I WAS NO GOOD AT THIS!

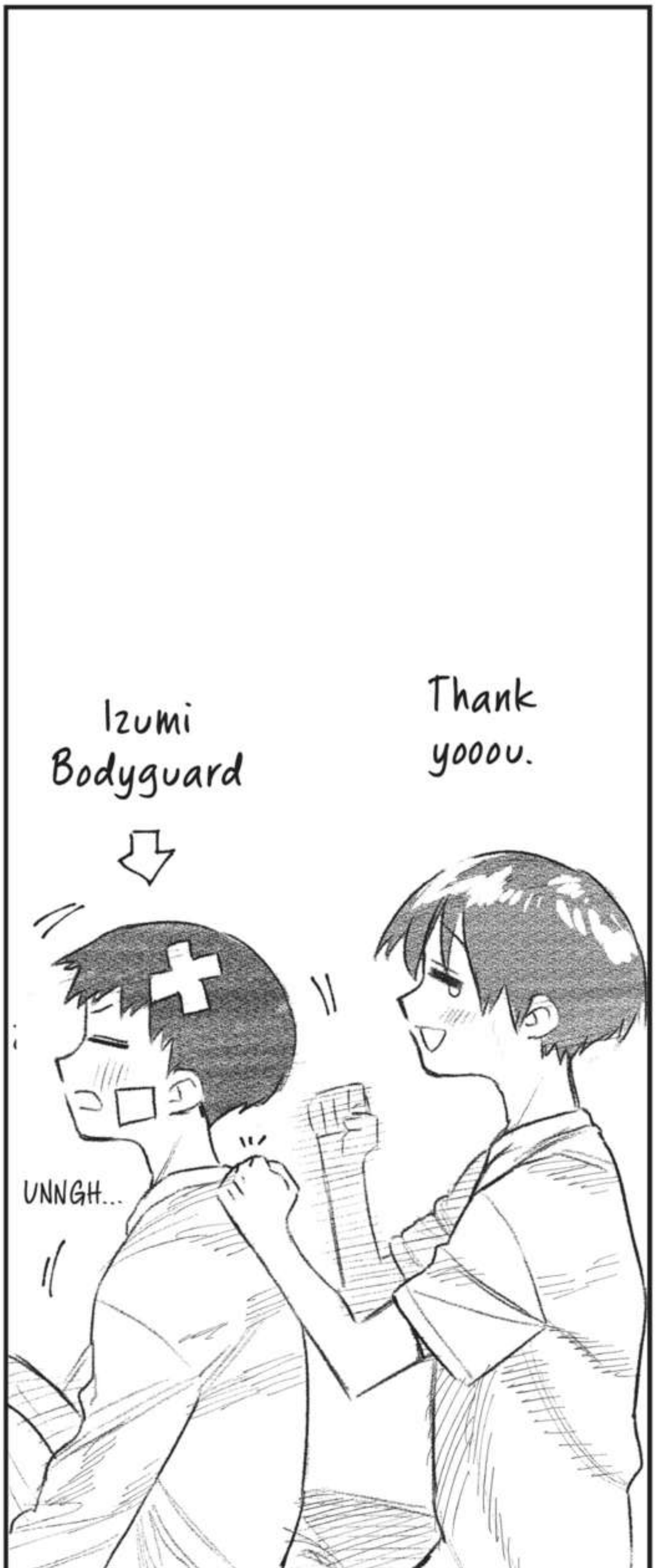

くるんっ
TUMBLE
ドサッ
Whump
WHEW–
I CAUGHT YOU IN TIME...
ハァ
ハァ
Huff
SEE?
Whew
EVERYTHING WORKED OUT FINE.
UGH, LOOK.
IZUMI'S THROWING HIMSELF AT SHIKIMORI-SAN AGAIN.
ボロ
I DUNNO HOW SHE CAN STAND TO STAY WITH HIM...
Let's throw snowballs at him.
IZUMI'S BODYGUARDS
Scrape
ザッ ザッ
Scrape
Scrape

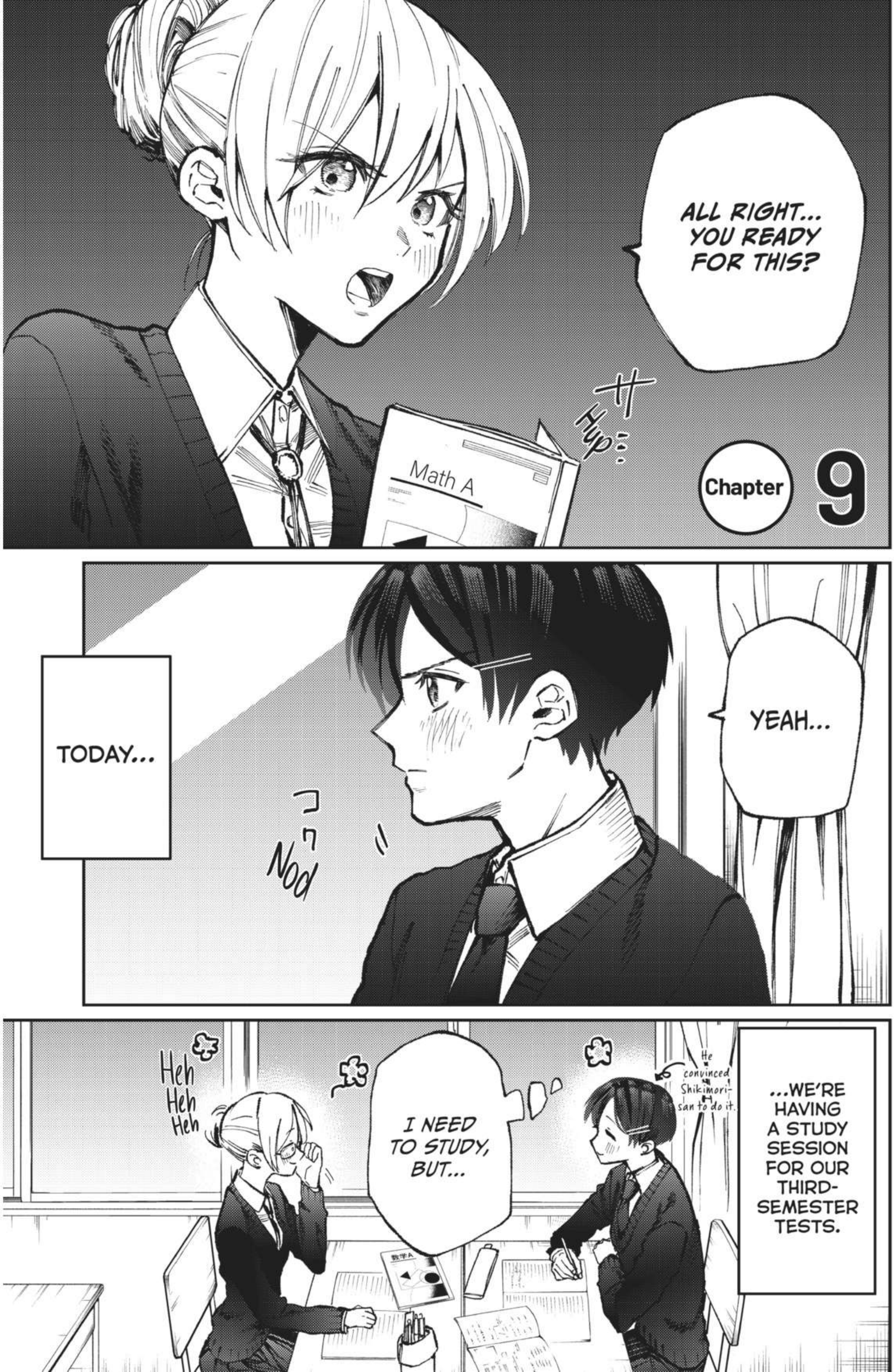
Chapter 8 END

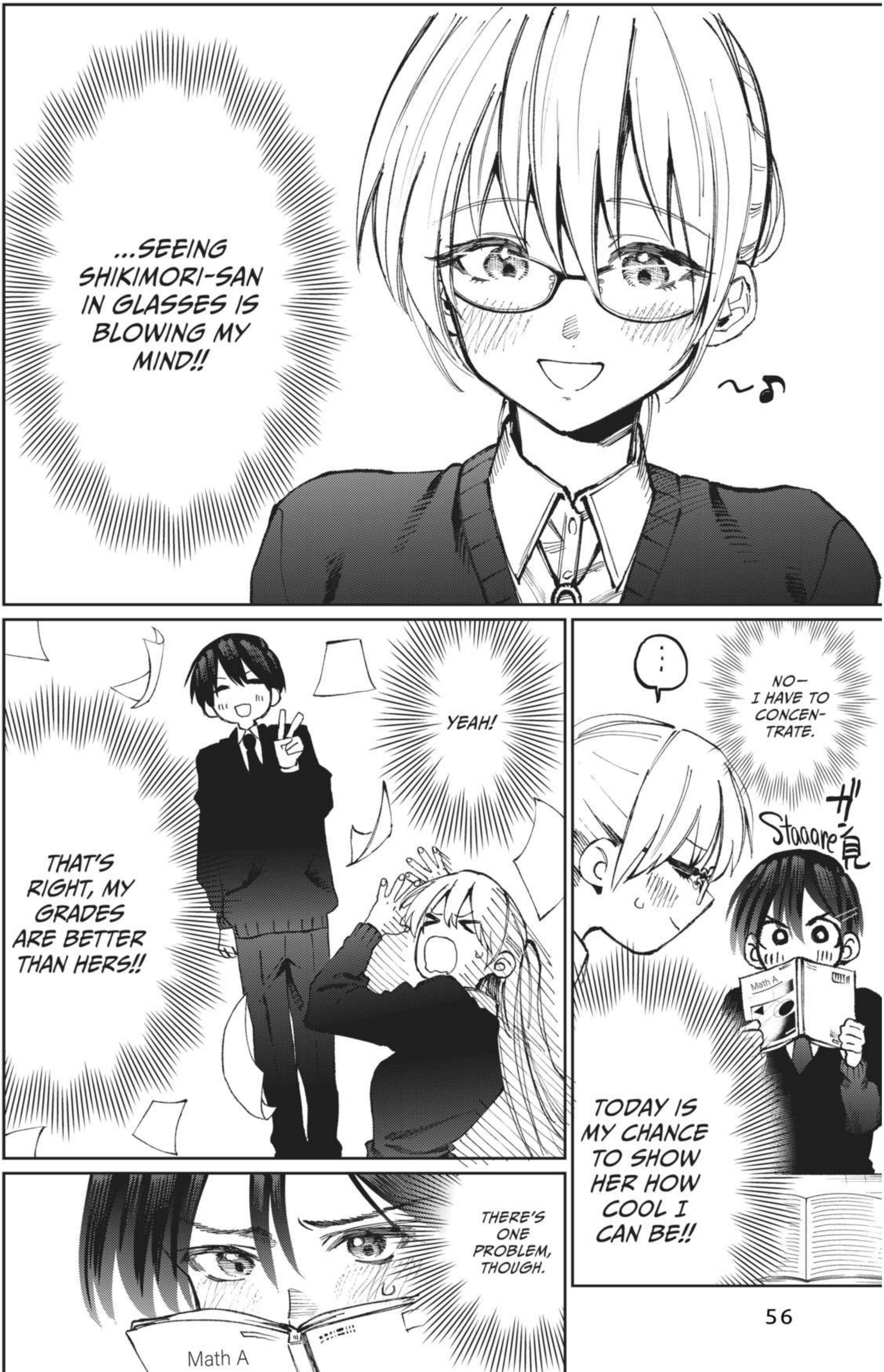
Skiing outfit

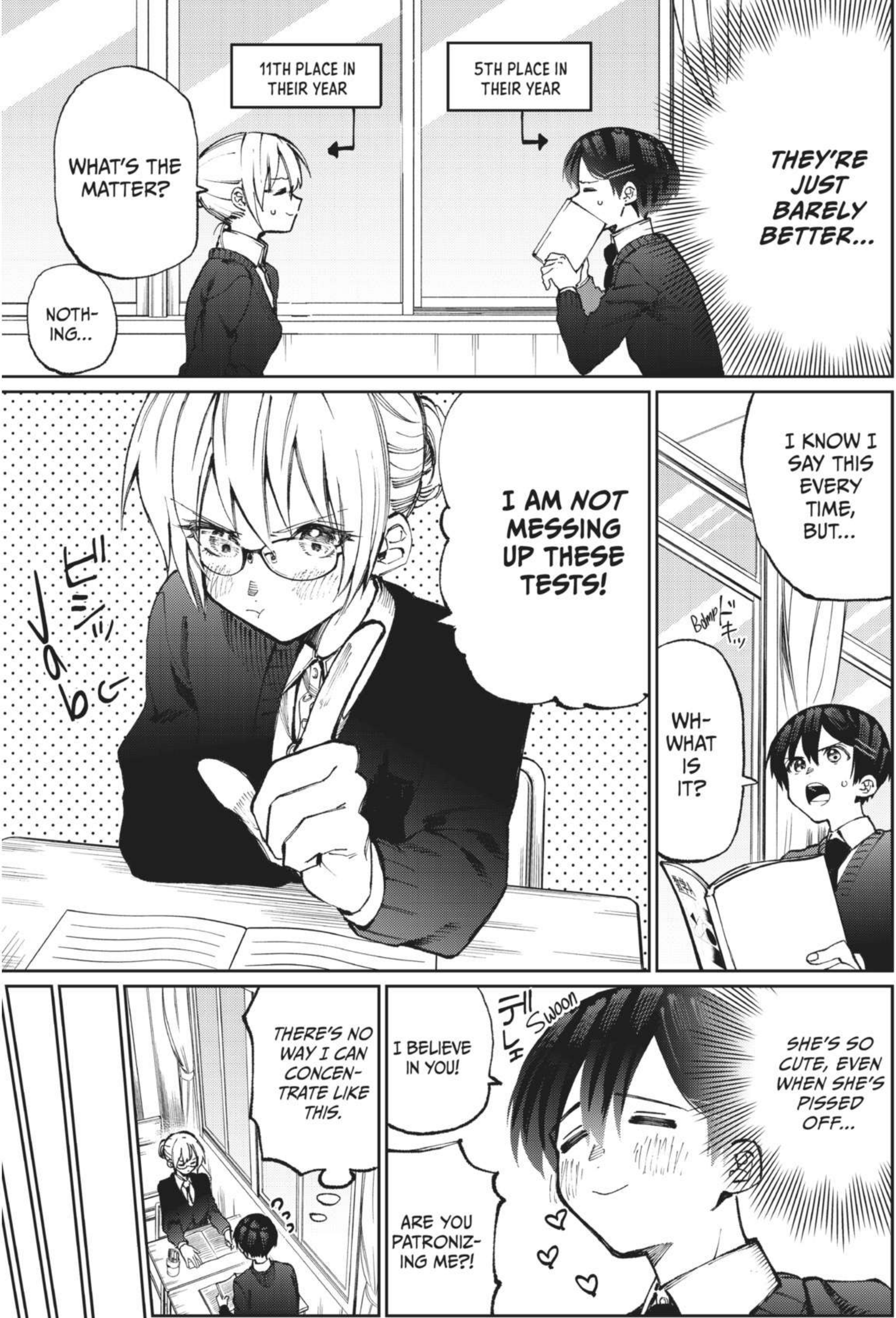
SHIKIMORI'S not just a cutie

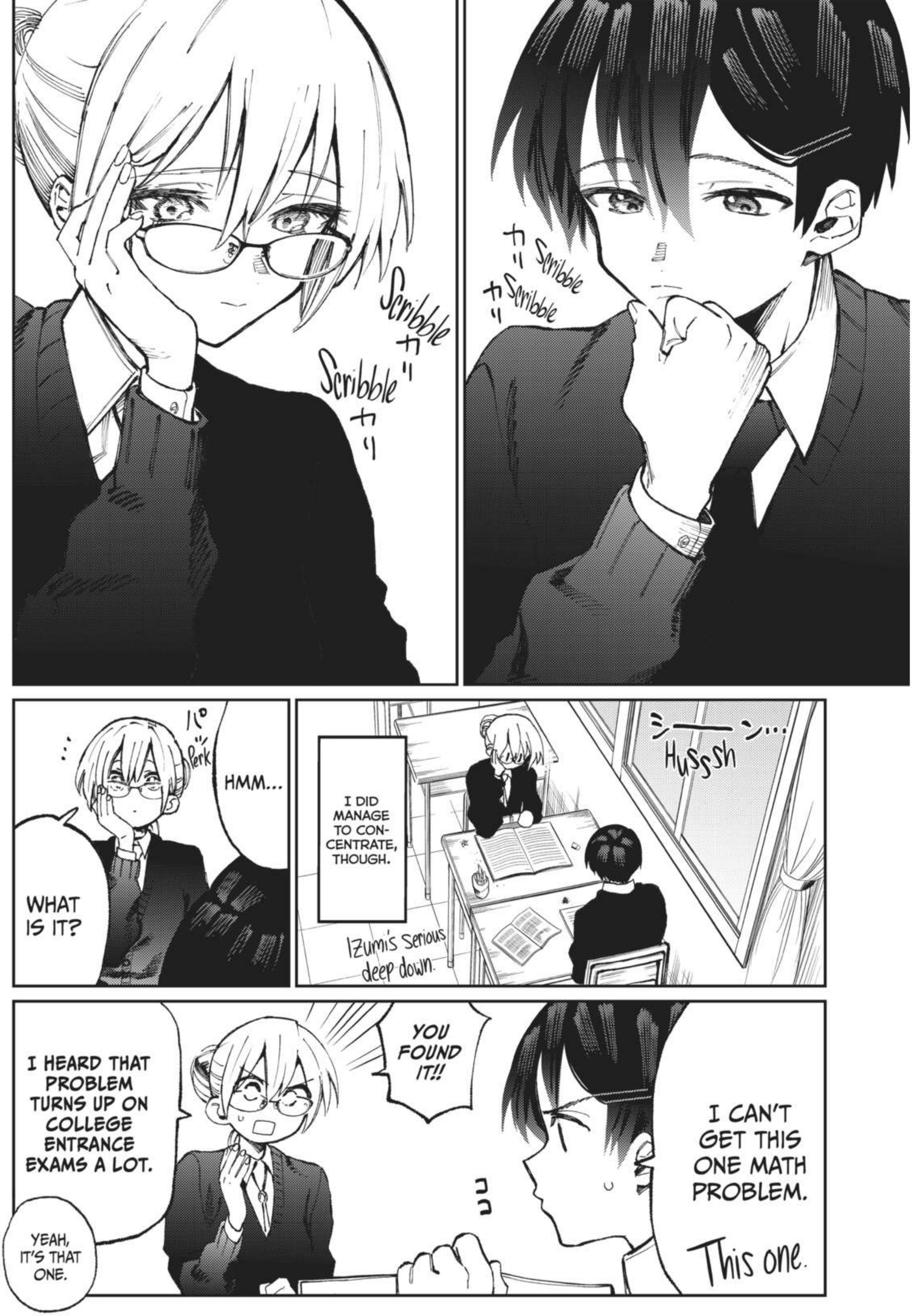


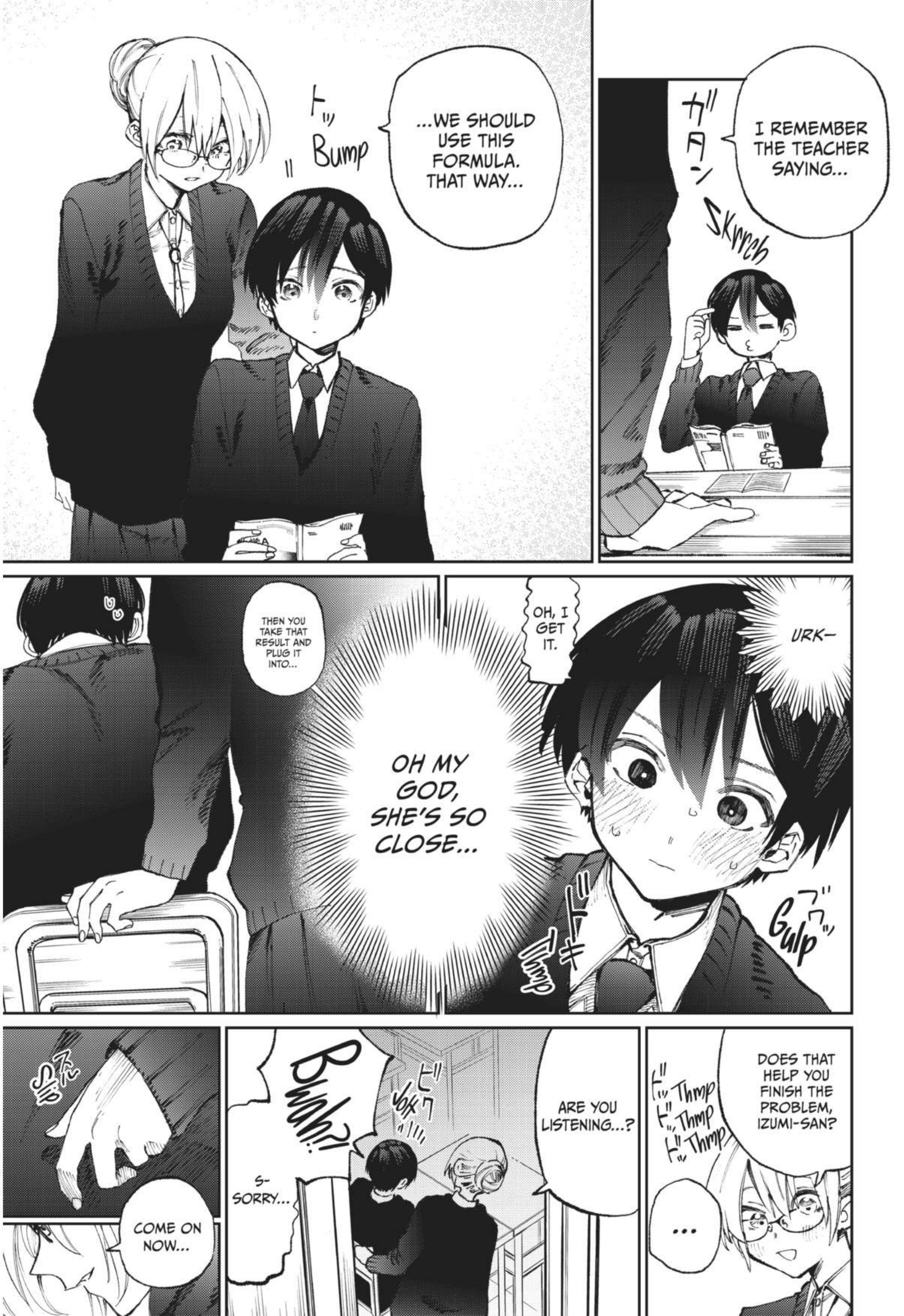

Thank yooou.
Izumi Bodyguard
UNNGH...

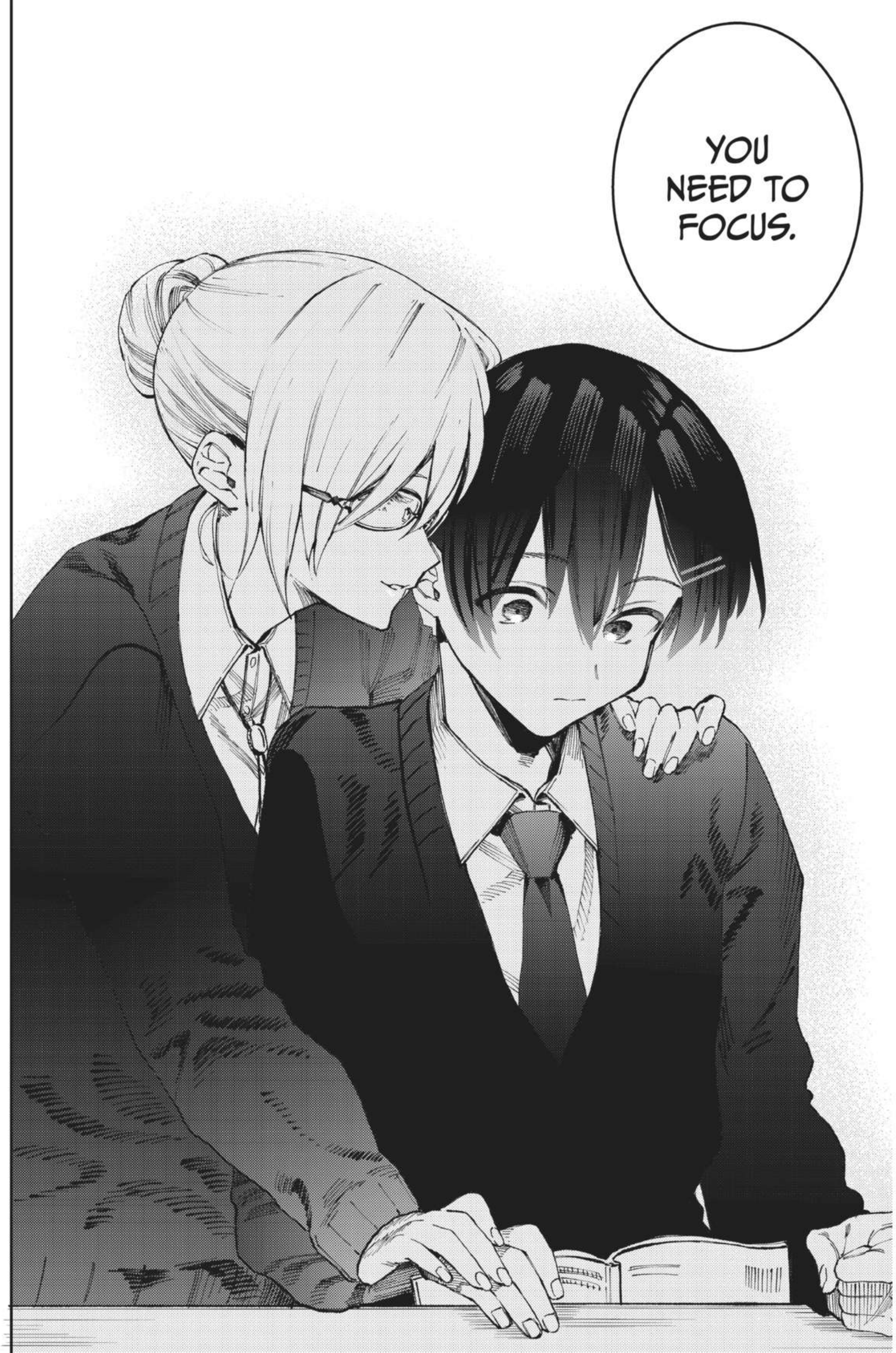

ALL RIGHT... YOU READY FOR THIS?
サ Hup
Math A
Chapter 9
YEAH...
コク Nod
TODAY...
...WE'RE HAVING A STUDY SESSION FOR OUR THIRD-SEMESTER TESTS.
He convinced Shikimori-san to do it.
I NEED TO STUDY, BUT...
Heh Heh Heh
数学A

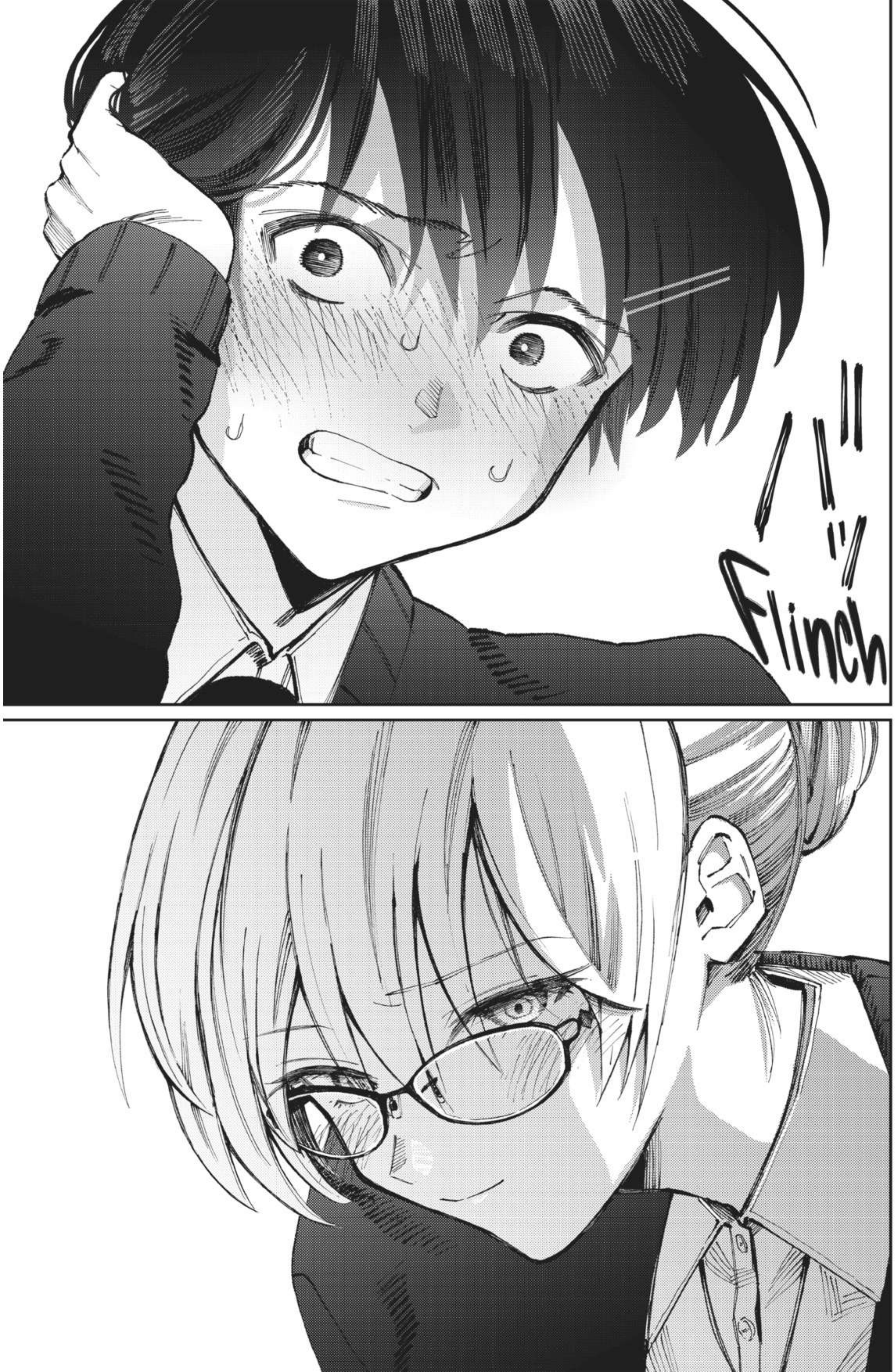

~♪
...SEEING SHIKIMORI-SAN IN GLASSES IS BLOWING MY MIND!!
…
NO— I HAVE TO CONCENTRATE.
ジ 見 Staaare
Math A
TODAY IS MY CHANCE TO SHOW HER HOW COOL I CAN BE!!
YEAH!
THAT'S RIGHT, MY GRADES ARE BETTER THAN HERS!!
THERE'S ONE PROBLEM, THOUGH.
Math A

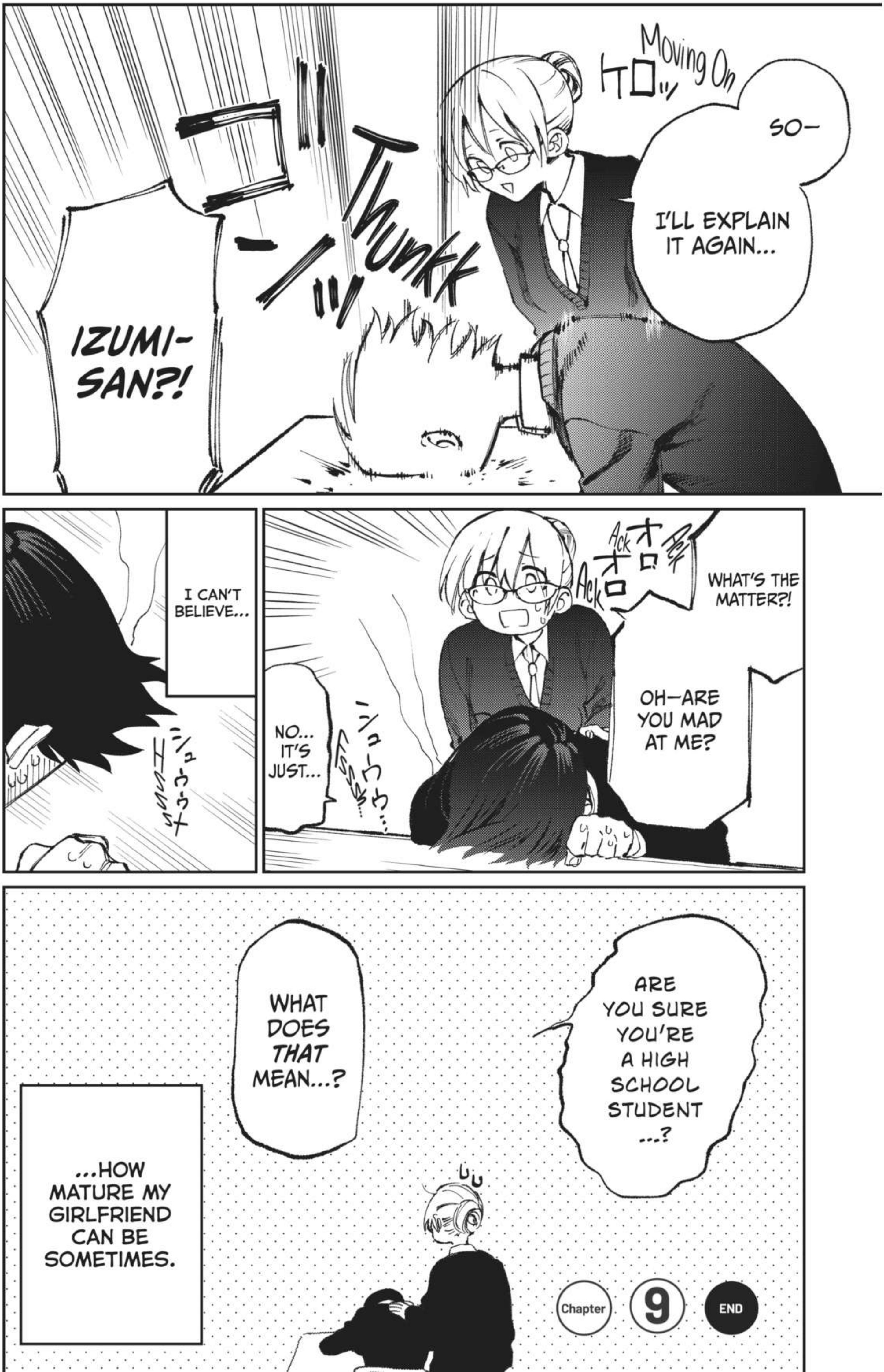

THEY'RE JUST BARELY BETTER...
5TH PLACE IN THEIR YEAR
11TH PLACE IN THEIR YEAR
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
NOTHING...
I KNOW I SAY THIS EVERY TIME, BUT...
Bdmp ドキッ
WH-WHAT IS IT?
I AM *NOT* MESSING UP THESE TESTS!
ビシッ jab
SHE'S SO CUTE, EVEN WHEN SHE'S PISSED OFF...
デレェ Swoon
I BELIEVE IN YOU!
ARE YOU PATRONIZING ME?!
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN CONCENTRATE LIKE THIS.

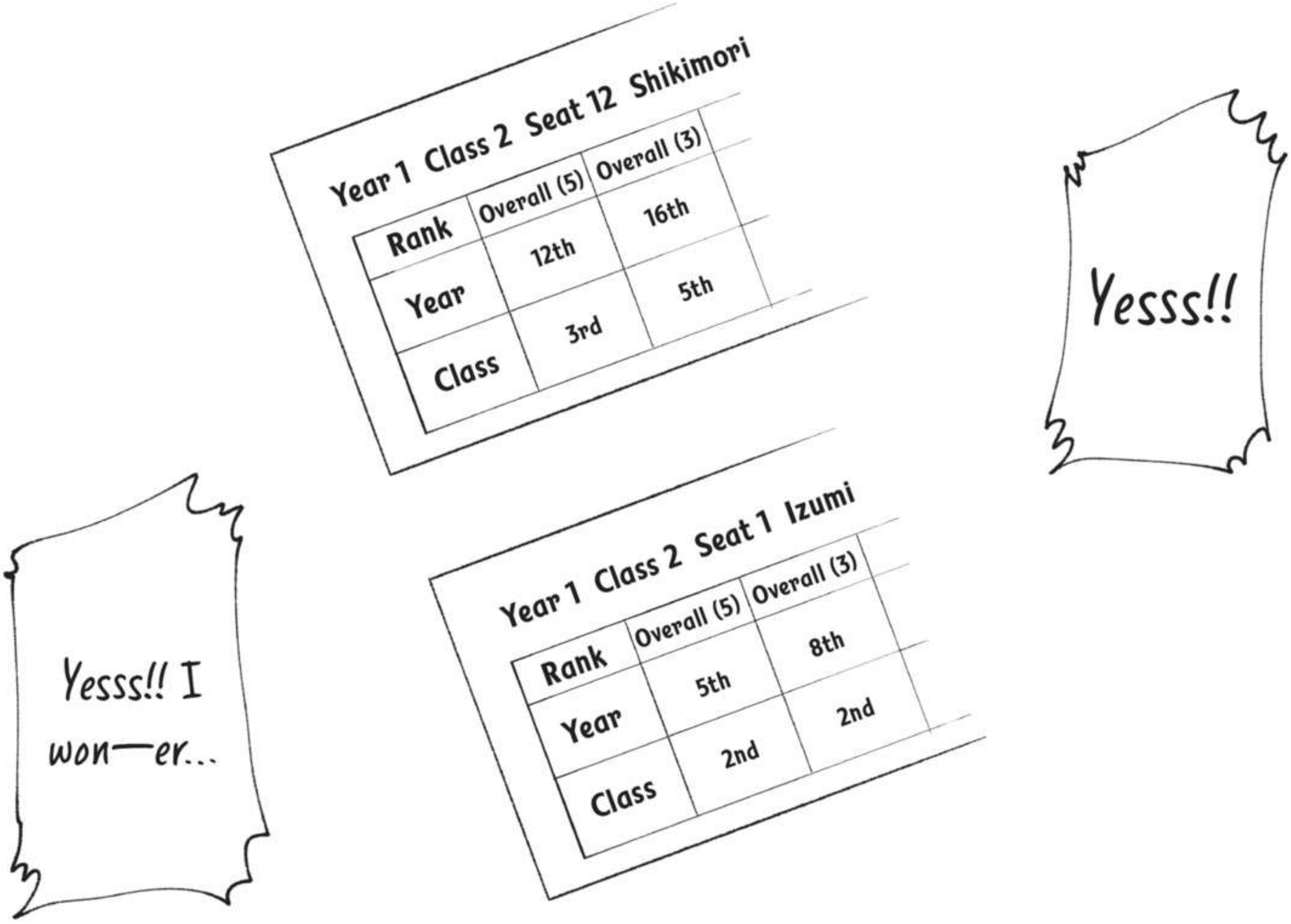

カリ Scribble
カリ Scribble
Scribble カリ
Scribble カリ
シーーン… Husssh
I DID MANAGE TO CONCENTRATE, THOUGH.
Izumi's serious deep down.
パッ Perk
HMM...
...
WHAT IS IT?
I CAN'T GET THIS ONE MATH PROBLEM.
This one.
コッ
YOU FOUND IT!!
I HEARD THAT PROBLEM TURNS UP ON COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS A LOT.
YEAH, IT'S THAT ONE.


I REMEMBER THE TEACHER SAYING...
ガタン
Skrrch
...WE SHOULD USE THIS FORMULA. THAT WAY...
トッ
Bump
URK—
OH, I GET IT.
ドキ
Thmp
ゴクッ
Gulp
THEN YOU TAKE THAT RESULT AND PLUG IT INTO...
OH MY GOD, SHE'S SO CLOSE...
DOES THAT HELP YOU FINISH THE PROBLEM, IZUMI-SAN?
ドッ Thmp
ドッ Thmp
ドッ Thmp
...
ARE YOU LISTENING...?
Bwah?!
ビクッ
Jolt
S-SORRY...
スッ
Slip
COME ON NOW...


YOU NEED TO FOCUS.


Flinch


Moving On ケロッ
SO—
I'LL EXPLAIN IT AGAIN...
ゴン Thunkk
IZUMI-SAN?!
Ack オロ Ack オロ Ack
WHAT'S THE MATTER?!
OH—ARE YOU MAD AT ME?
NO... IT'S JUST...
シュウウ… Fsssh...
I CAN'T BELIEVE...
シュウウ Fsssh
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT...?
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN...?
...HOW MATURE MY GIRLFRIEND CAN BE SOMETIMES.
Chapter 9 END



Year 1 Class 2 Seat 12 Shikimori

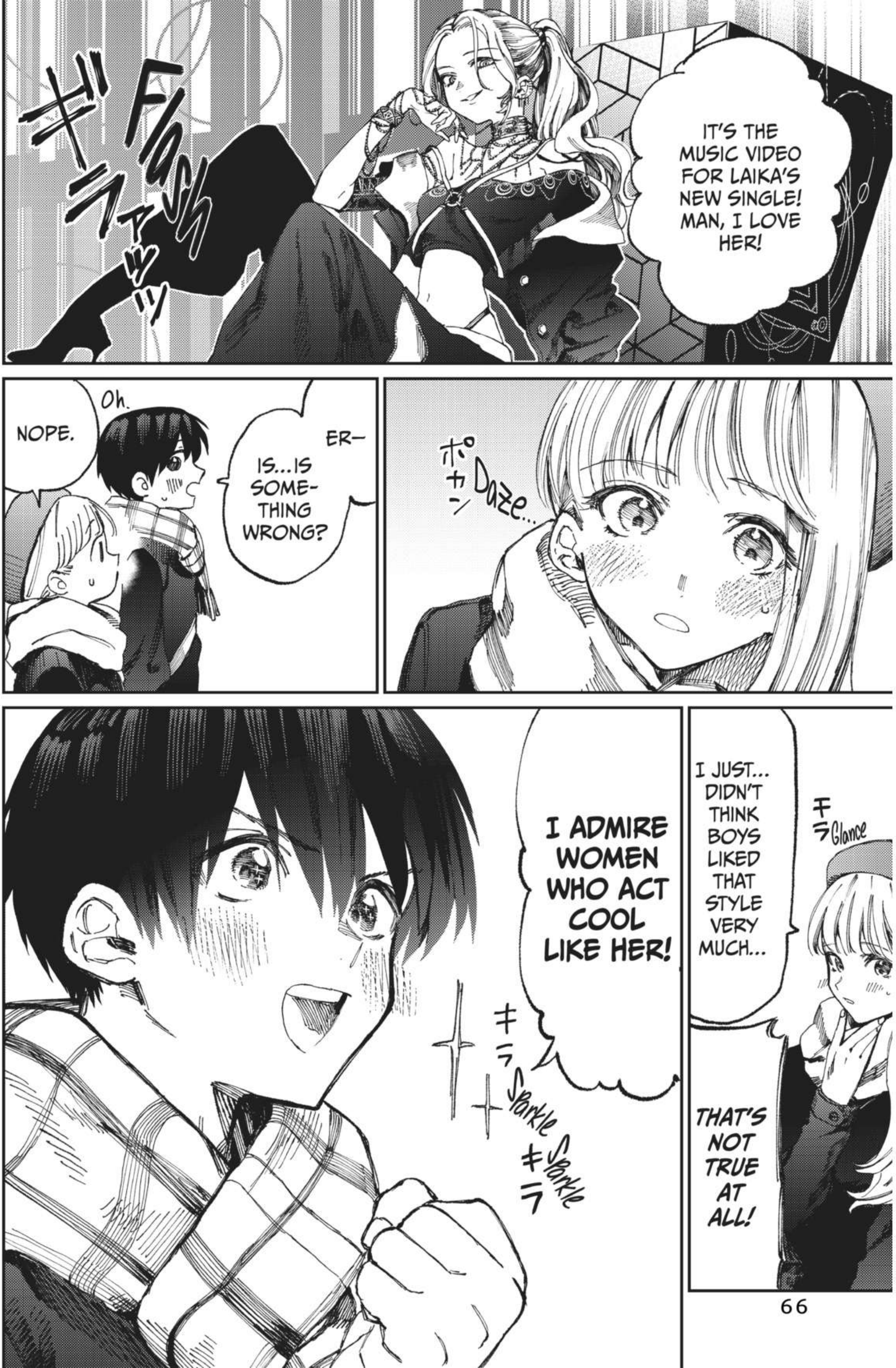
Rank	Overall (5)	Overall (3)
Year	12th	16th
Class	3rd	5th

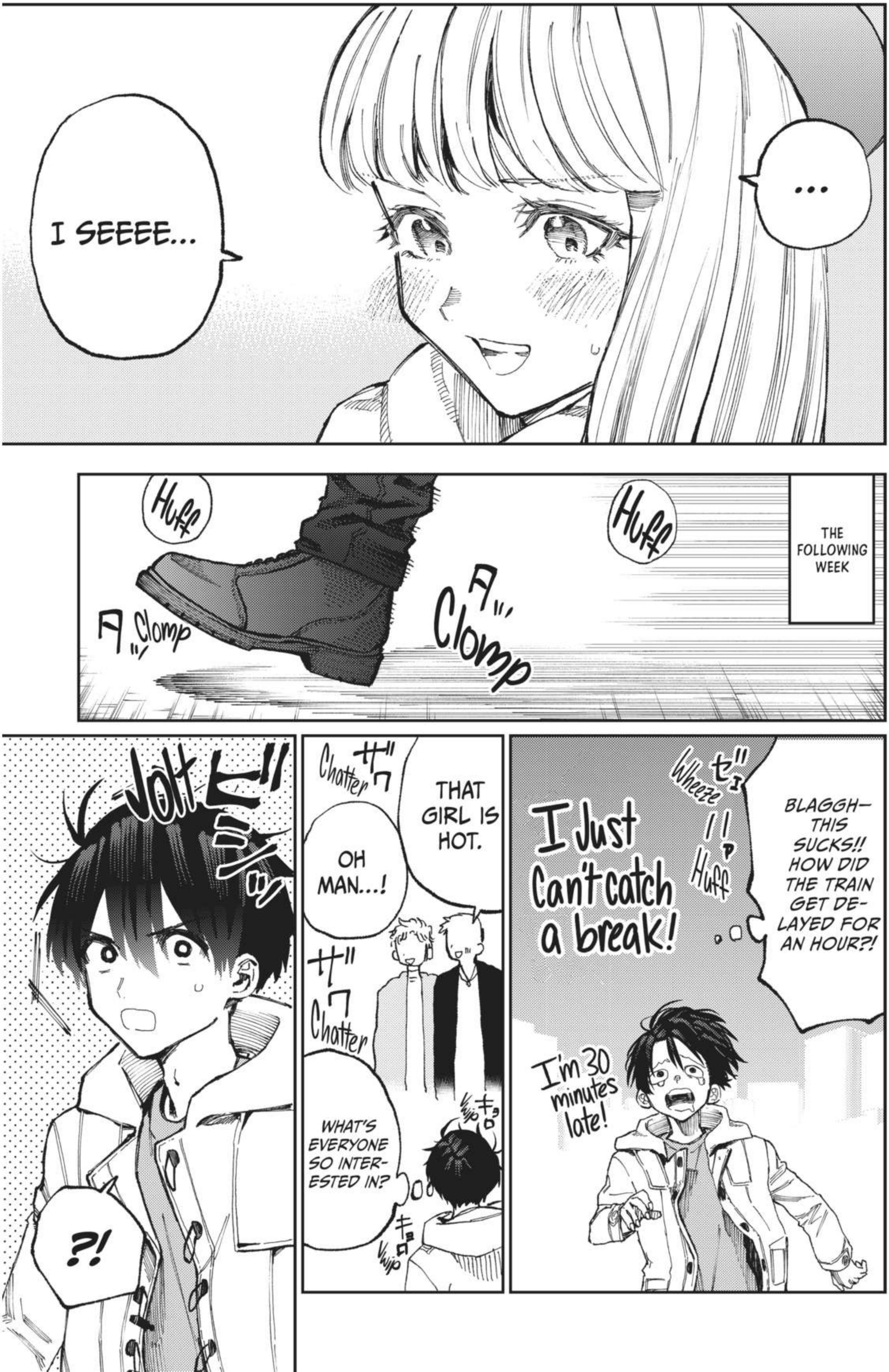
Year 1 Class 2 Seat 1 Izumi

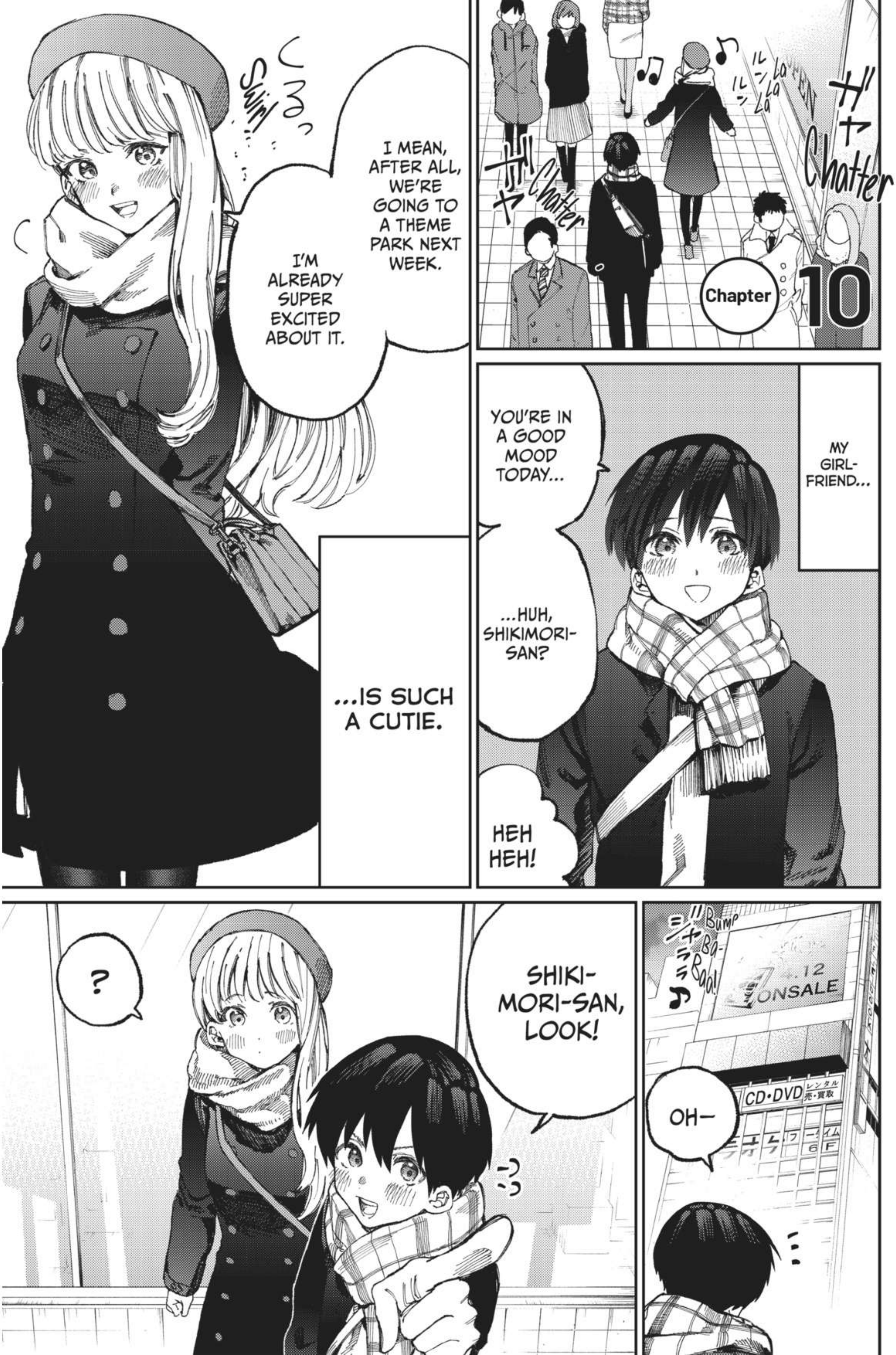
Rank	Overall (5)	Overall (3)
Year	5th	8th
Class	2nd	2nd

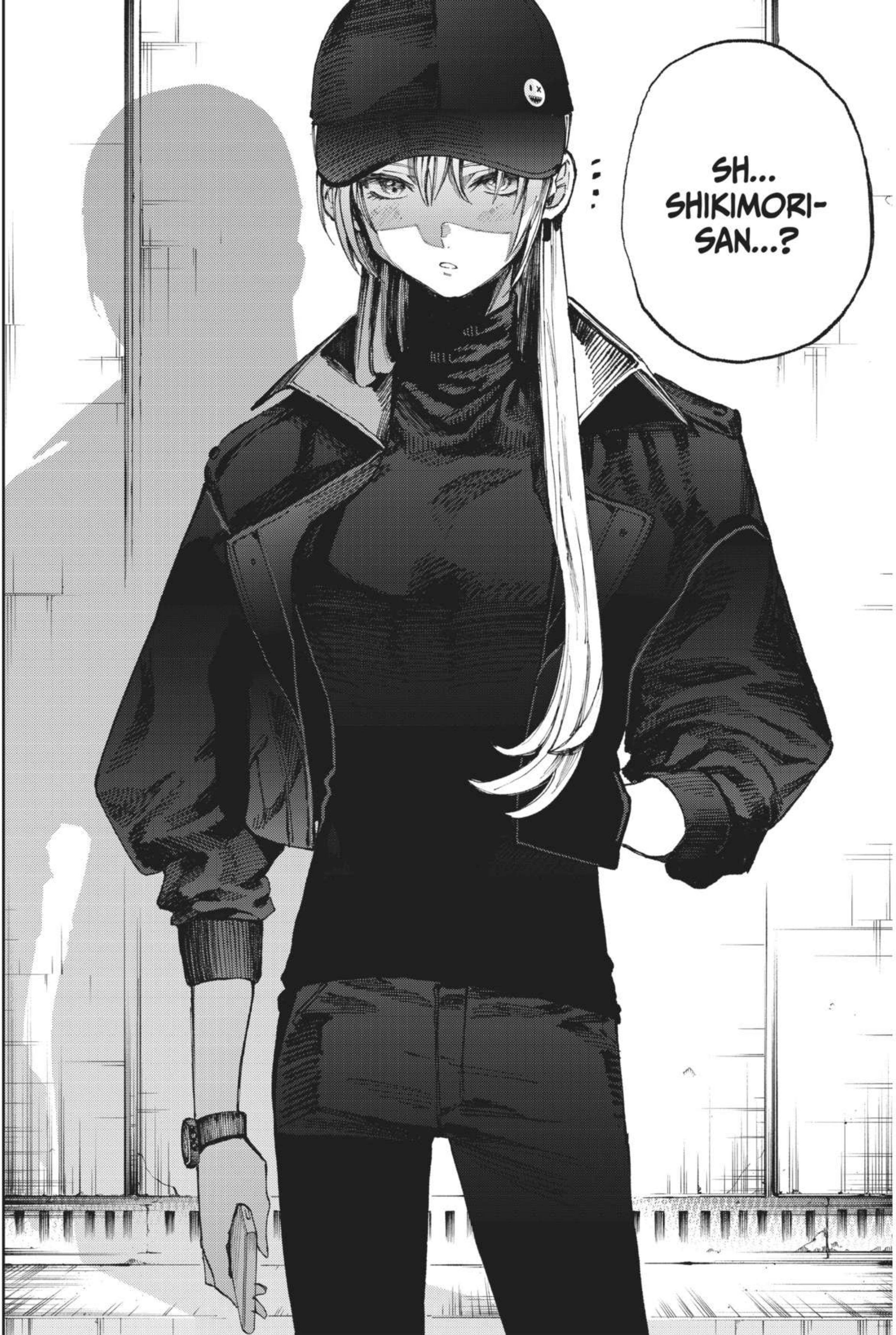
Yesss!!
Yesss!! I won—er...

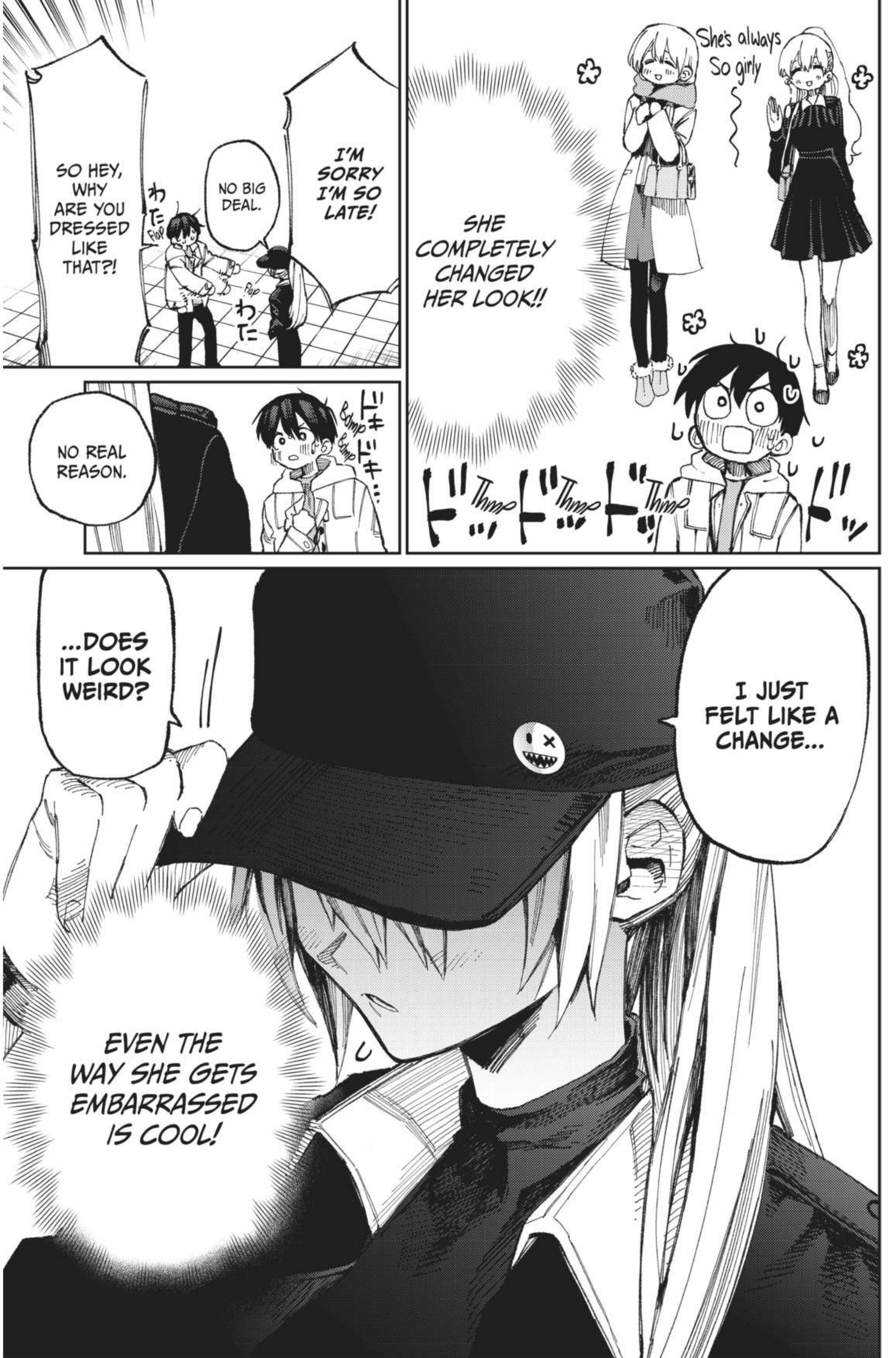
SHIKIMORI'S
Not just a cutie

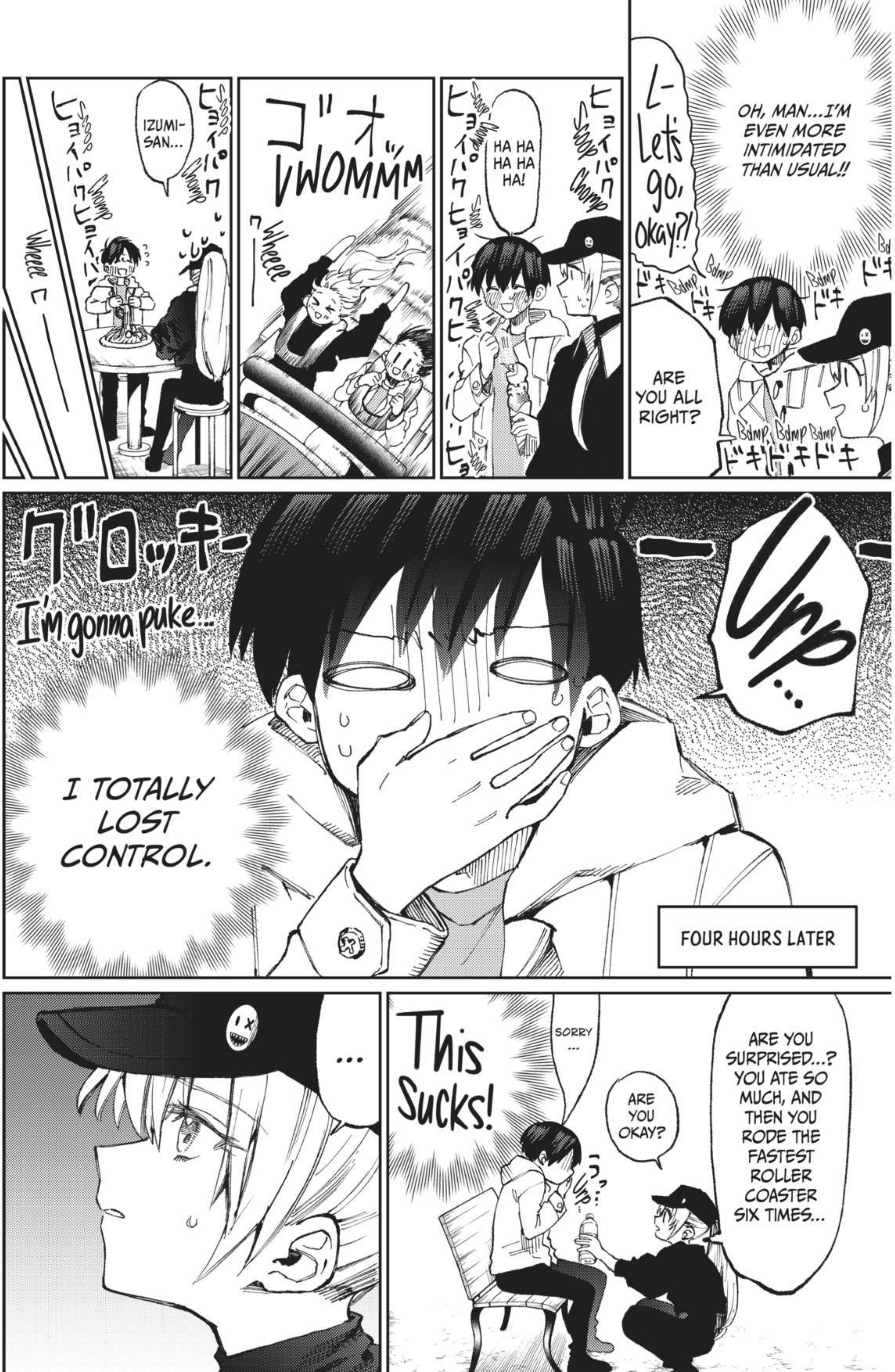

ギラァッッ Flash
IT'S THE MUSIC VIDEO FOR LAIKA'S NEW SINGLE! MAN, I LOVE HER!
ポカン Daze...
ER— IS...IS SOMETHING WRONG?
Oh.
NOPE.
I JUST... DIDN'T THINK BOYS LIKED THAT STYLE VERY MUCH...
チラ Glance
THAT'S NOT TRUE AT ALL!
I ADMIRE WOMEN WHO ACT COOL LIKE HER!
キラ Sparkle キラ Sparkle

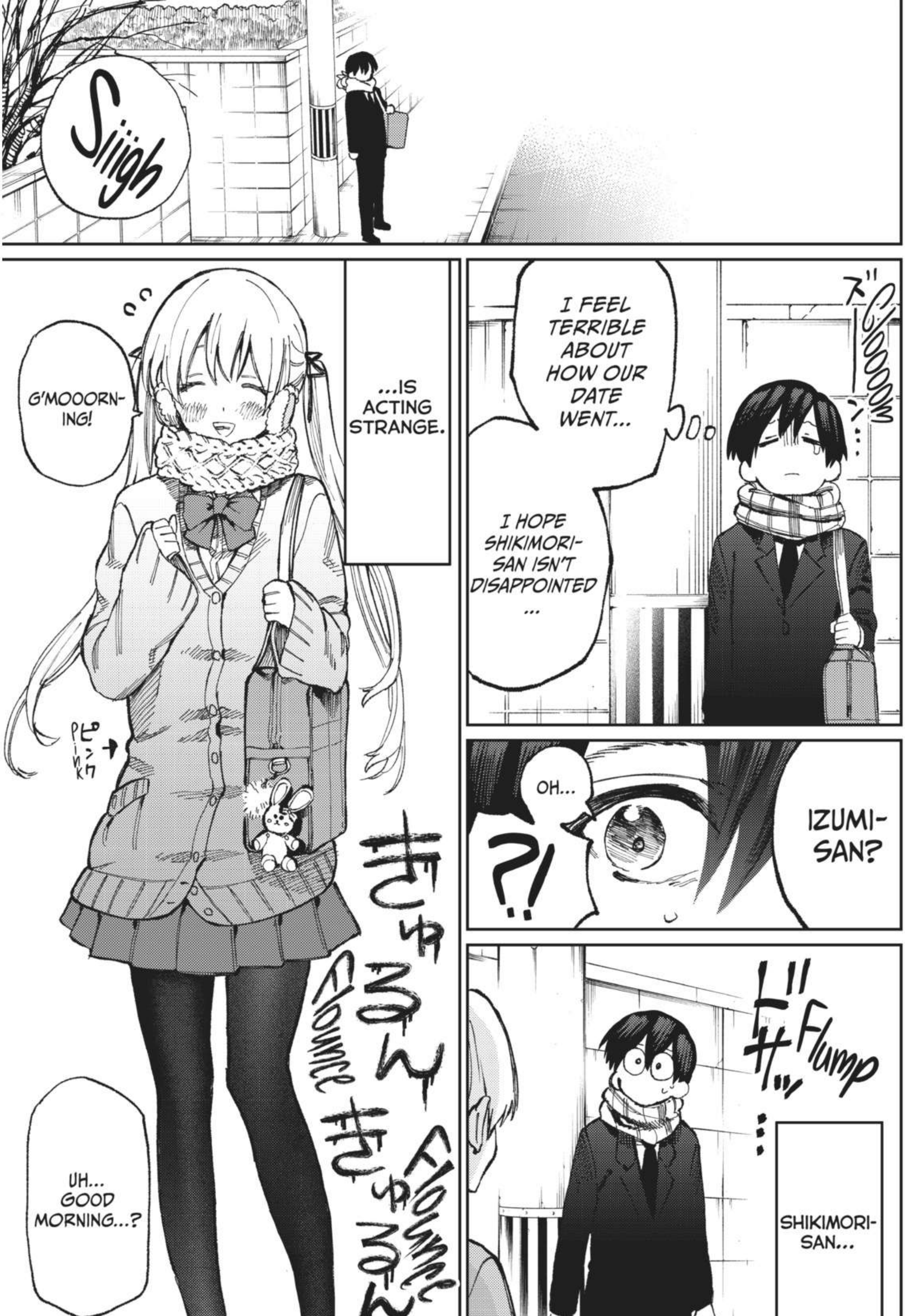

...
I SEEEE...
THE FOLLOWING WEEK
Huff
Clomp
Huff
Clomp
BLAGGH— THIS SUCKS!! HOW DID THE TRAIN GET DELAYED FOR AN HOUR?!
Wheeze
Huff
I Just Can't catch a break!
I'm 30 minutes late!
THAT GIRL IS HOT.
Chatter
OH MAN...!
Chatter
WHAT'S EVERYONE SO INTERESTED IN?
Whip
Whip
Jolt
?!

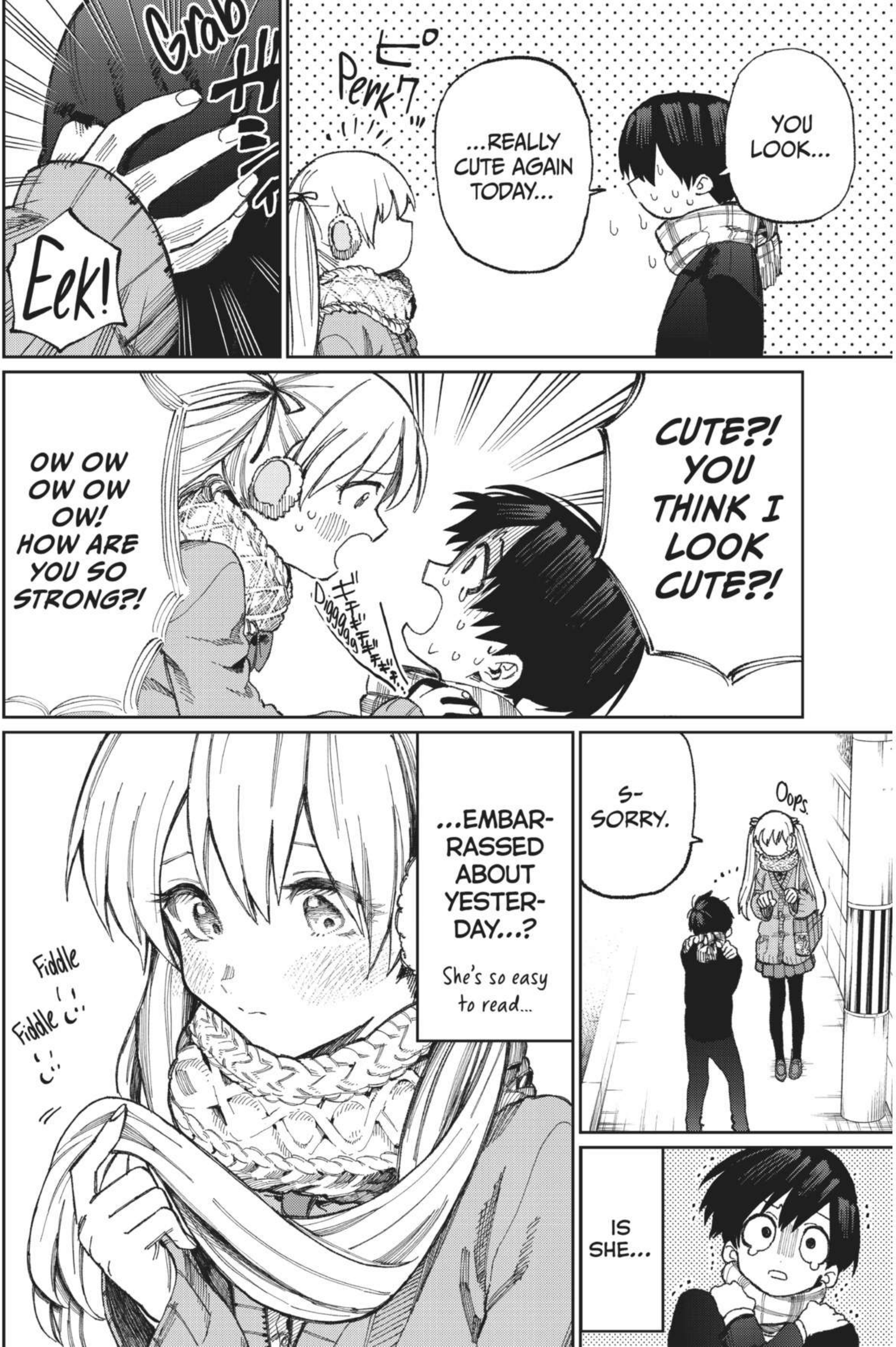

ザワ Chatter
ザワ Chatter
ルン La ルン La ルン La
Chapter 10
MY GIRL-FRIEND...
YOU'RE IN A GOOD MOOD TODAY...
...HUH, SHIKIMORI-SAN?
HEH HEH!
くるっ Swirl
I MEAN, AFTER ALL, WE'RE GOING TO A THEME PARK NEXT WEEK.
I'M ALREADY SUPER EXCITED ABOUT IT.
...IS SUCH A CUTIE.
ジャラ Bump Ba-Baa!
4.12 ONSALE
CD・DVD レンタル 売・買取
ラオケ フリータイム 6F
OH—
...
SHIKI-MORI-SAN, LOOK!
?

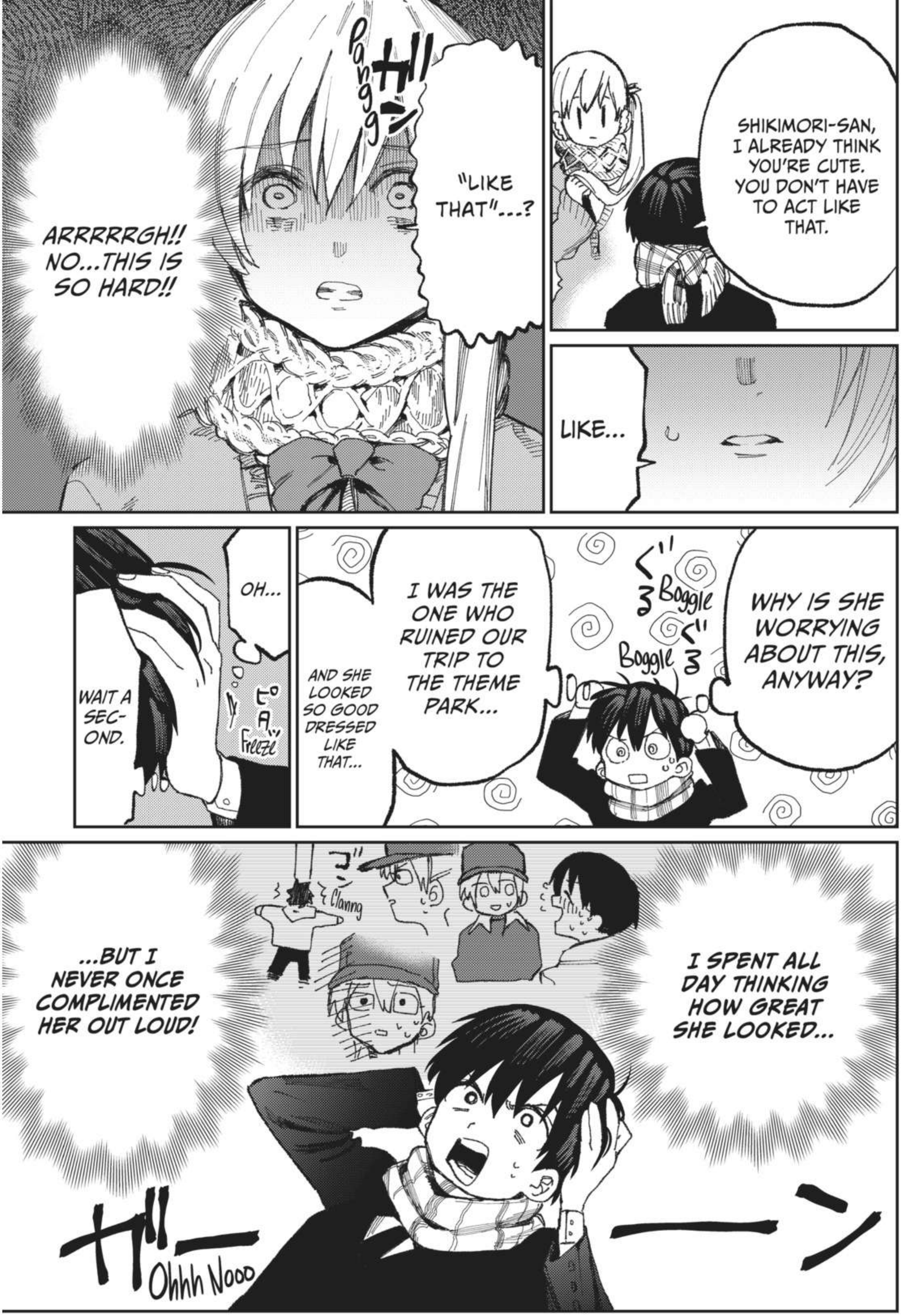

SH... SHIKIMORI-SAN...?
...

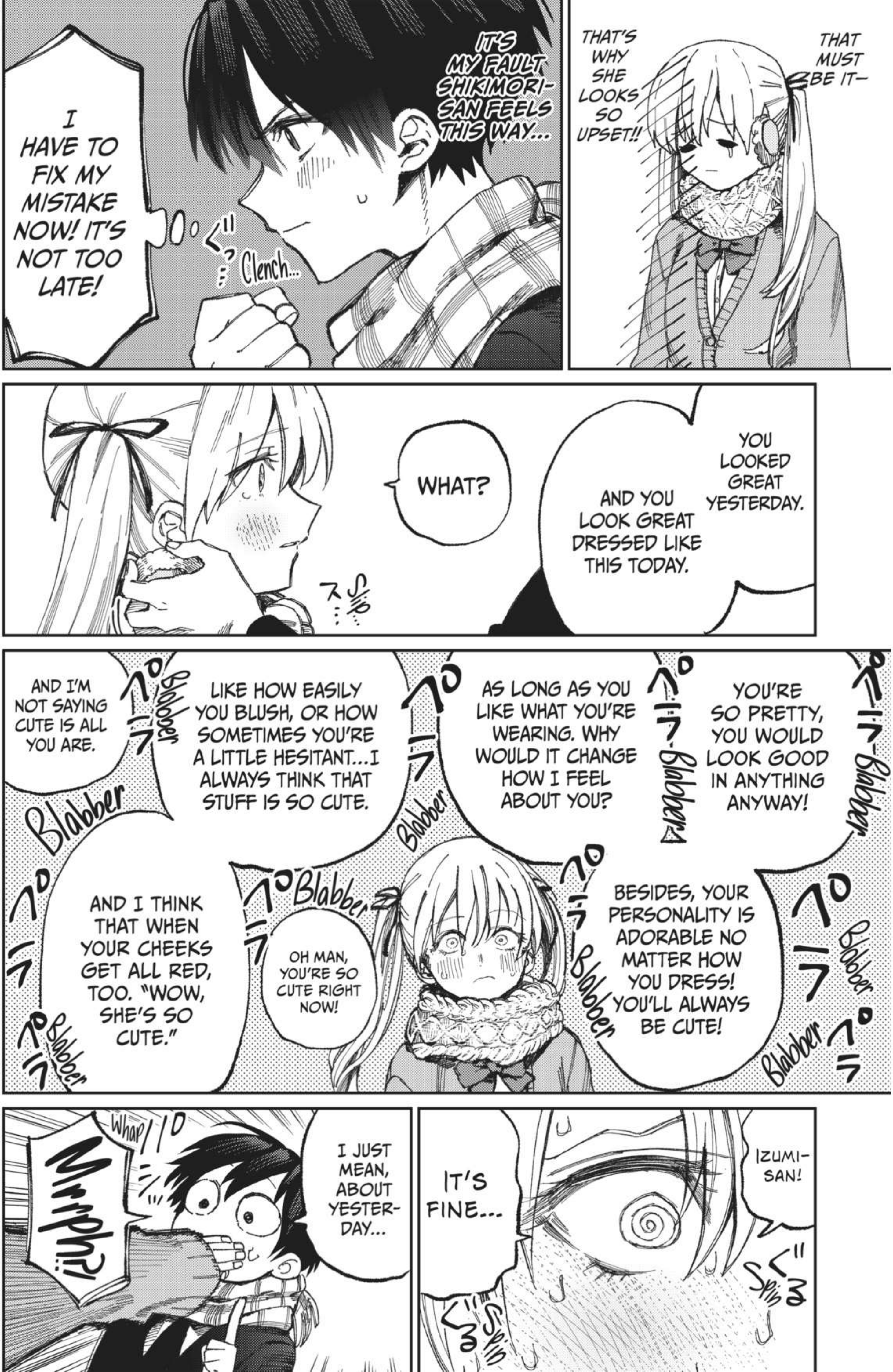

She's always so girly
SHE COMPLETELY CHANGED HER LOOK!!
ドッドッドッドッ
Thmp Thmp Thmp
I'M SORRY I'M SO LATE!
NO BIG DEAL.
わたわた
Flop Flop
SO HEY, WHY ARE YOU DRESSED LIKE THAT?!
ドキドキ
Bdmp Bdmp
NO REAL REASON.
I JUST FELT LIKE A CHANGE...
...DOES IT LOOK WEIRD?
EVEN THE WAY SHE GETS EMBARRASSED IS COOL!

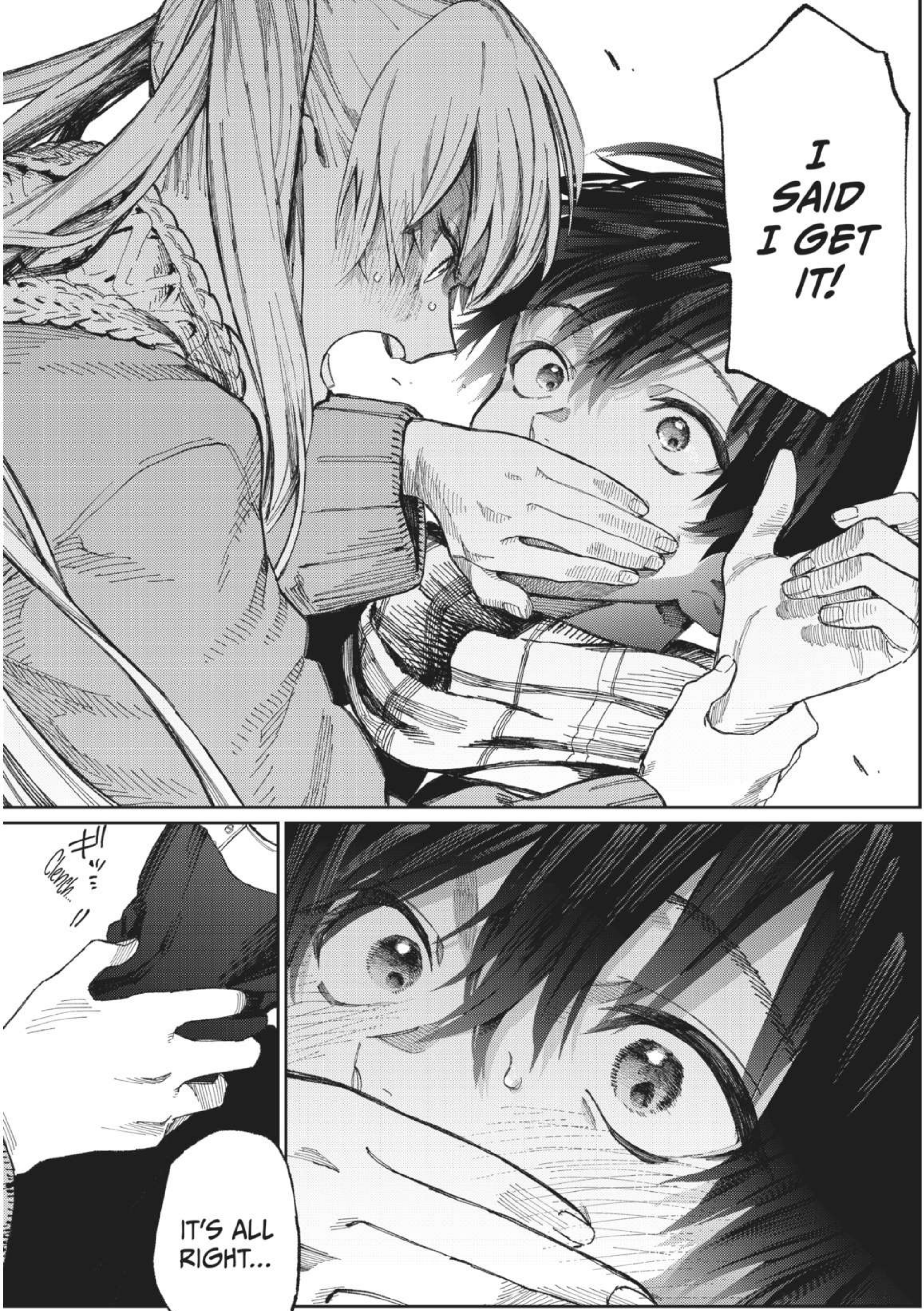

ムー
Let's go, okay?!
OH, MAN...I'M EVEN MORE INTIMIDATED THAN USUAL!!
ドキ Bdmp ドキ Bdmp ドキ Bdmp
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
ドキドキドキドキ Bdmp Bdmp Bdmp
ヒョイパク Scoop Chomp
HA HA HA HA HA!
ヒョイパクヒョイパクヒョイパクヒョ Scoop Chomp Scoop
ゴオッ VWOMMM
ワー Wheeee
IZUMI-SAN...
ヒョイパク Scoop Chomp
ヒョイパクヒョイパク Scoop Chomp
ワー Wheeee
グロッキー I'm gonna puke...
Urp...
I TOTALLY LOST CONTROL.
FOUR HOURS LATER
ARE YOU SURPRISED...? YOU ATE SO MUCH, AND THEN YOU RODE THE FASTEST ROLLER COASTER SIX TIMES...
ARE YOU OKAY?
うっ Urp...
SORRY...
This Sucks!
...

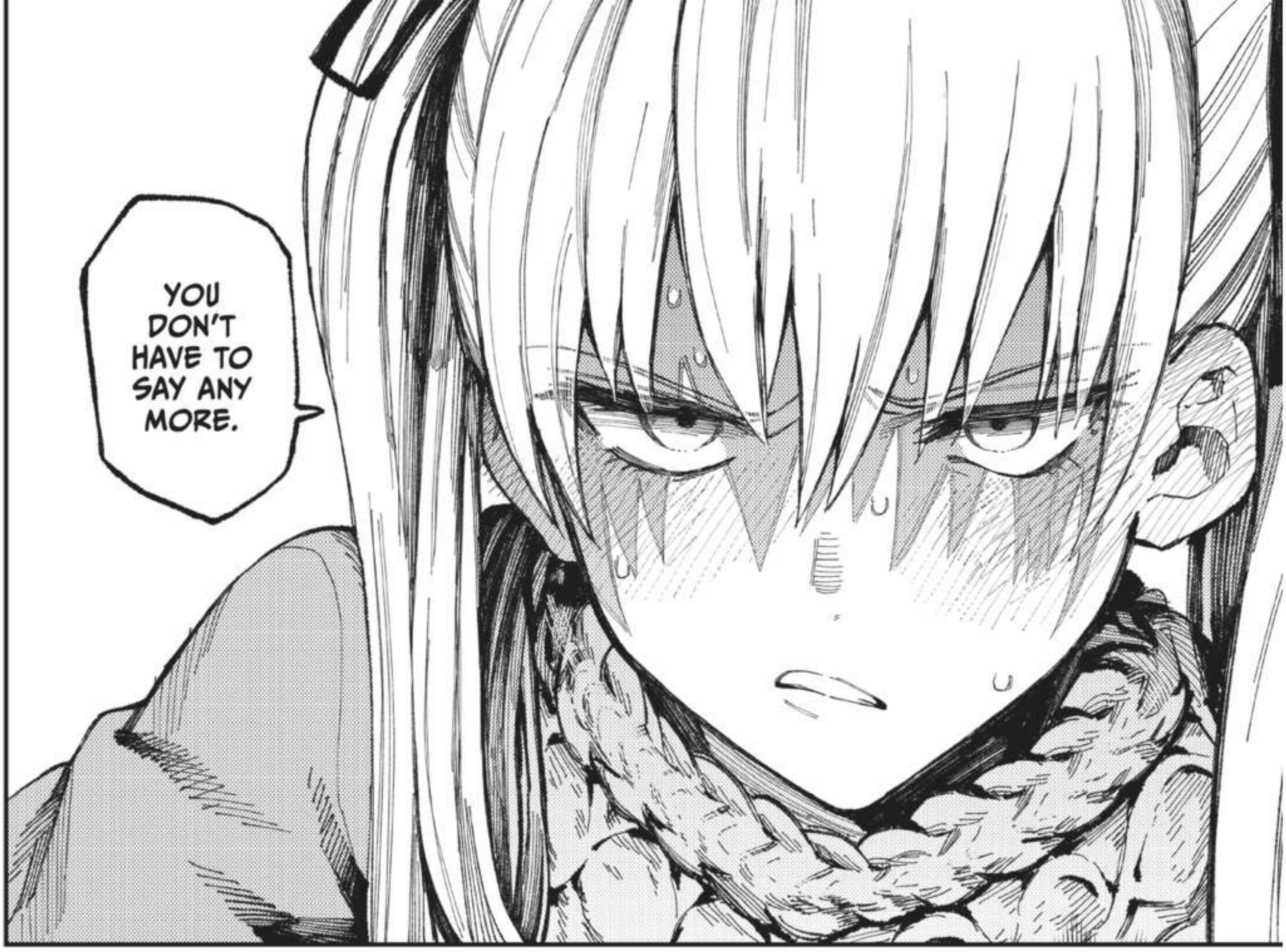

Siiigh
ズーン
Gloooom...
I FEEL TERRIBLE ABOUT HOW OUR DATE WENT...
I HOPE SHIKIMORI-SAN ISN'T DISAPPOINTED...
IZUMI-SAN?
OH...
?!
ドサッ
Flump
...
SHIKIMORI-SAN...
...IS ACTING STRANGE.
G'MOOORNING!
ピン
Pink
きゅるん きゅるん
Flounce Flounce
UH... GOOD MORNING...?

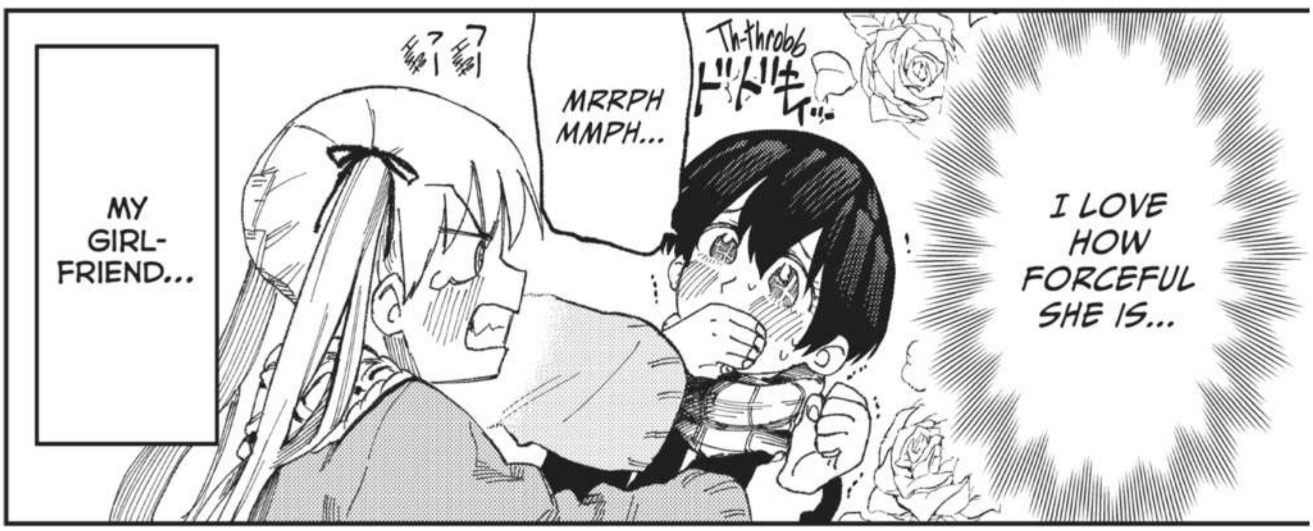

YOU LOOK...
...REALLY CUTE AGAIN TODAY...
Perk ピク
Grab ガシ
Eek!
CUTE?! YOU THINK I LOOK CUTE?!
OW OW OW OW OW! HOW ARE YOU SO STRONG?!
Digggggg ギチギチギチ
S-SORRY.
Oops.
IS SHE...
...EMBARRASSED ABOUT YESTERDAY...?
She's so easy to read...
Fiddle
Fiddle

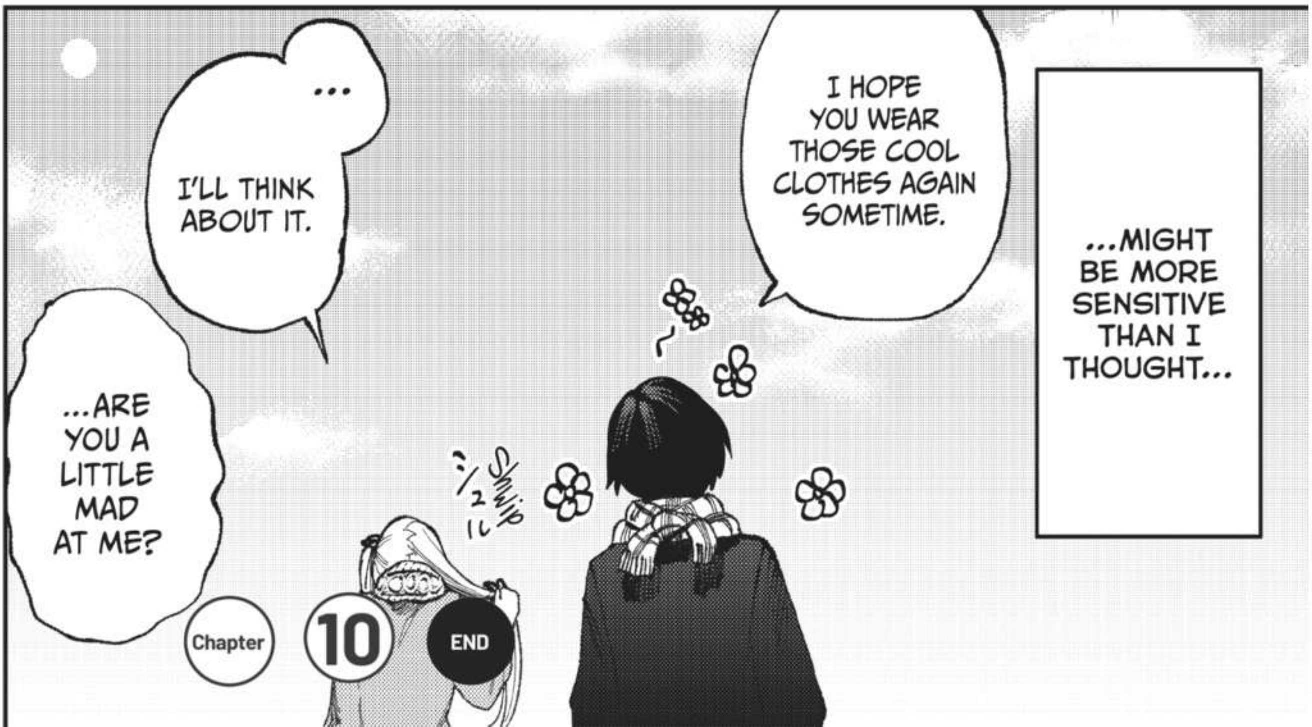

SHIKIMORI-SAN, I ALREADY THINK YOU'RE CUTE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO ACT LIKE THAT.
LIKE...
ガーン
Pangg
"LIKE THAT"...?
ARRRRGH!! NO...THIS IS SO HARD!!
WHY IS SHE WORRYING ABOUT THIS, ANYWAY?
ぐるぐる
Boggle
Boggle
I WAS THE ONE WHO RUINED OUR TRIP TO THE THEME PARK...
AND SHE LOOKED SO GOOD DRESSED LIKE THAT...
OH...
ピタッ
Freeze
WAIT A SECOND.
I SPENT ALL DAY THINKING HOW GREAT SHE LOOKED...
ゴン
Clanng
...BUT I NEVER ONCE COMPLIMENTED HER OUT LOUD!
ガーーン
Ohhh Nooo


THAT MUST BE IT—
THAT'S WHY SHE LOOKS SO UPSET!!
IT'S MY FAULT SHIKIMORI-SAN FEELS THIS WAY...
I HAVE TO FIX MY MISTAKE NOW! IT'S NOT TOO LATE!
Clench...
YOU LOOKED GREAT YESTERDAY.
AND YOU LOOK GREAT DRESSED LIKE THIS TODAY.
WHAT?
Slip...
YOU'RE SO PRETTY, YOU WOULD LOOK GOOD IN ANYTHING ANYWAY!
Blabber
AS LONG AS YOU LIKE WHAT YOU'RE WEARING. WHY WOULD IT CHANGE HOW I FEEL ABOUT YOU?
Blabber
LIKE HOW EASILY YOU BLUSH, OR HOW SOMETIMES YOU'RE A LITTLE HESITANT...I ALWAYS THINK THAT STUFF IS SO CUTE.
Blabber
AND I'M NOT SAYING CUTE IS ALL YOU ARE.
Blabber
BESIDES, YOUR PERSONALITY IS ADORABLE NO MATTER HOW YOU DRESS! YOU'LL ALWAYS BE CUTE!
Blabber
Blabber
Blabber
OH MAN, YOU'RE SO CUTE RIGHT NOW!
Blabber
AND I THINK THAT WHEN YOUR CHEEKS GET ALL RED, TOO. "WOW, SHE'S SO CUTE."
Blabber
IZUMI-SAN!
IT'S FINE...
Spin
Spin
I JUST MEAN, ABOUT YESTER-DAY...
Whap
Mrrph?!


I SAID I GET IT!
ギュッ
Clench...
IT'S ALL RIGHT...


YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY ANY MORE.


Th-throbb
ドドキィ
I LOVE HOW FORCEFUL SHE IS...
MRRPH MMPH...
MY GIRLFRIEND...

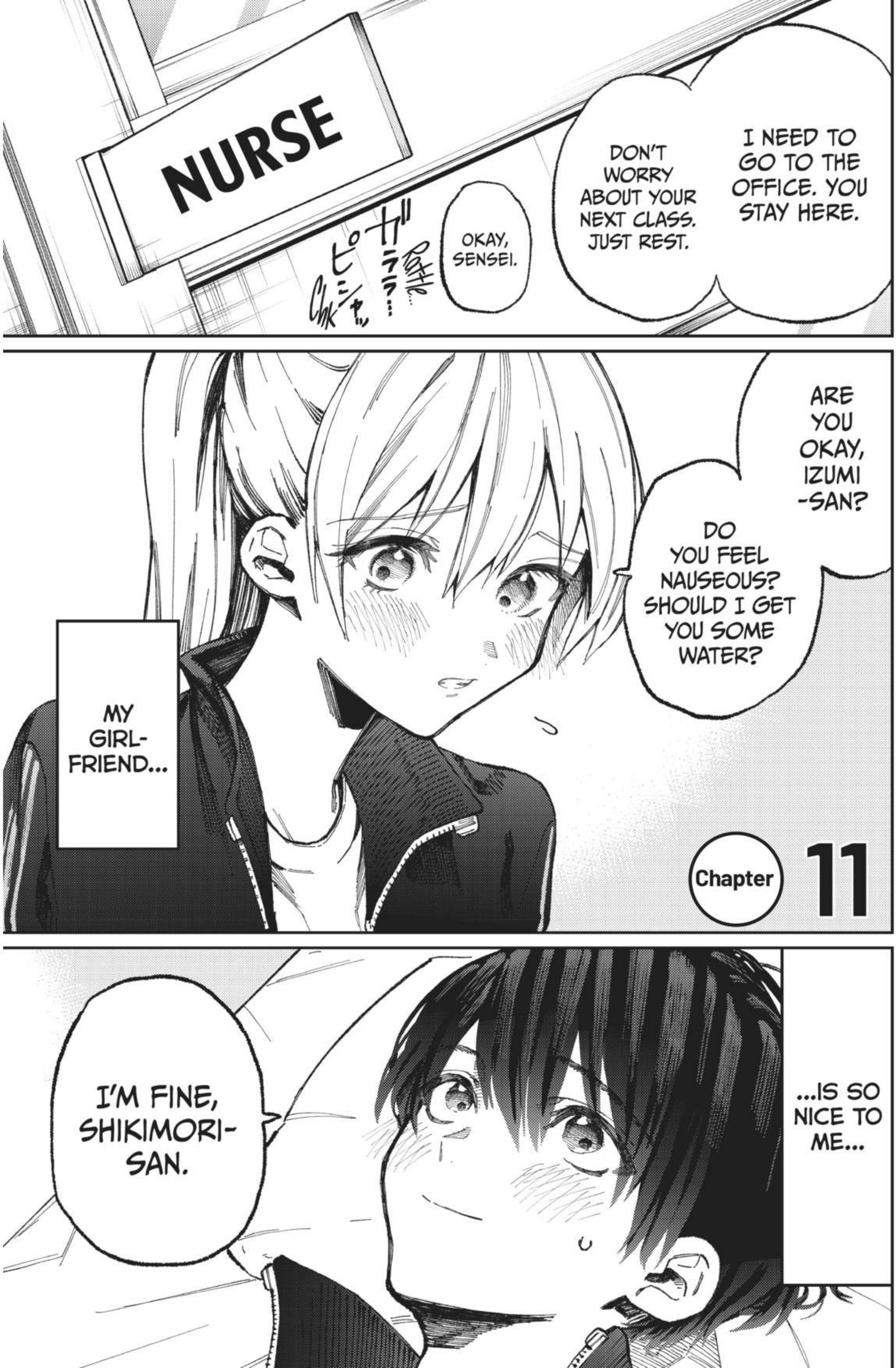

...MIGHT BE MORE SENSITIVE THAN I THOUGHT...
I HOPE YOU WEAR THOSE COOL CLOTHES AGAIN SOMETIME.
...
I'LL THINK ABOUT IT.
...ARE YOU A LITTLE MAD AT ME?
Shwip
シュル
Chapter 10 END

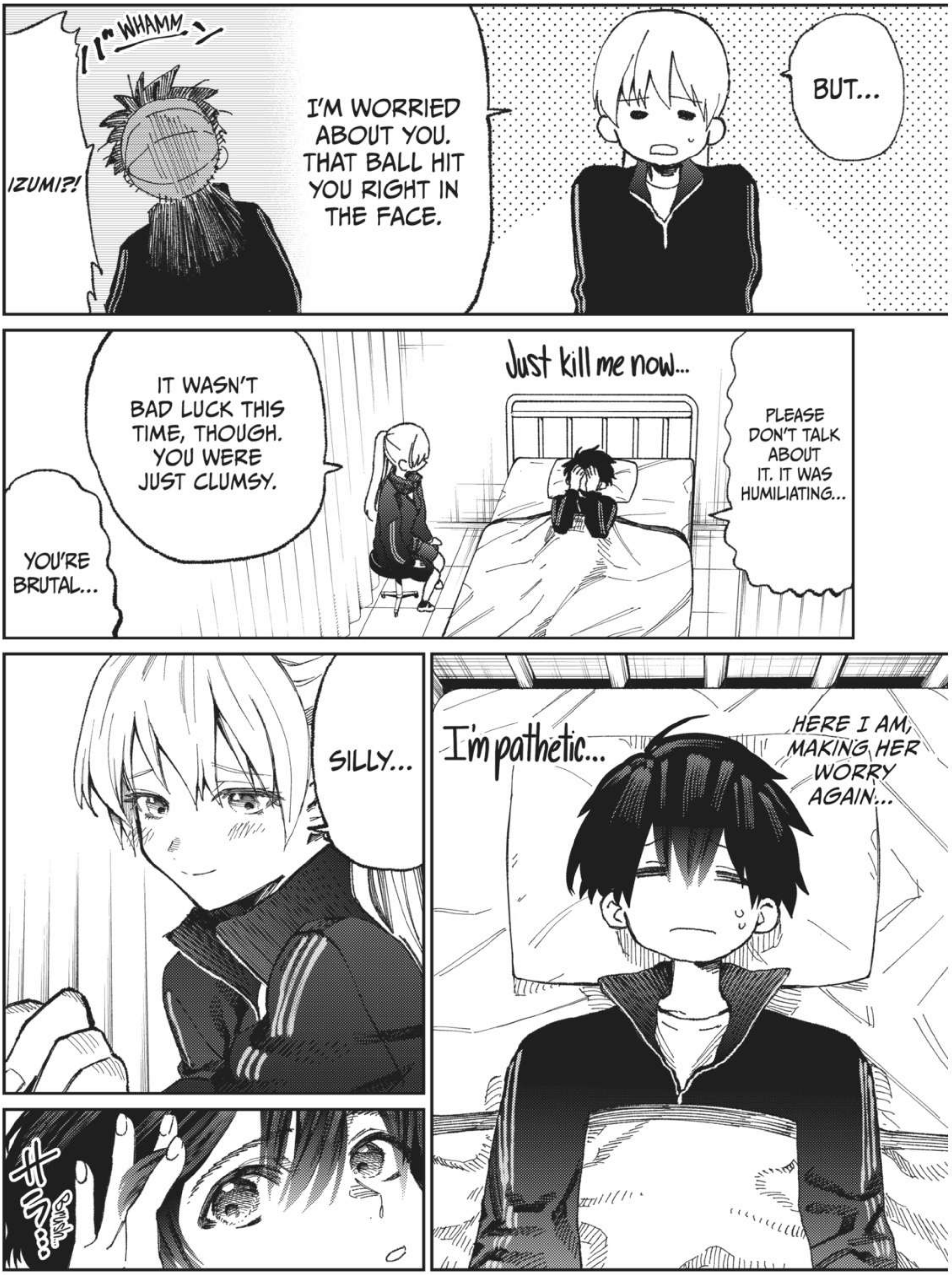
HMMM...

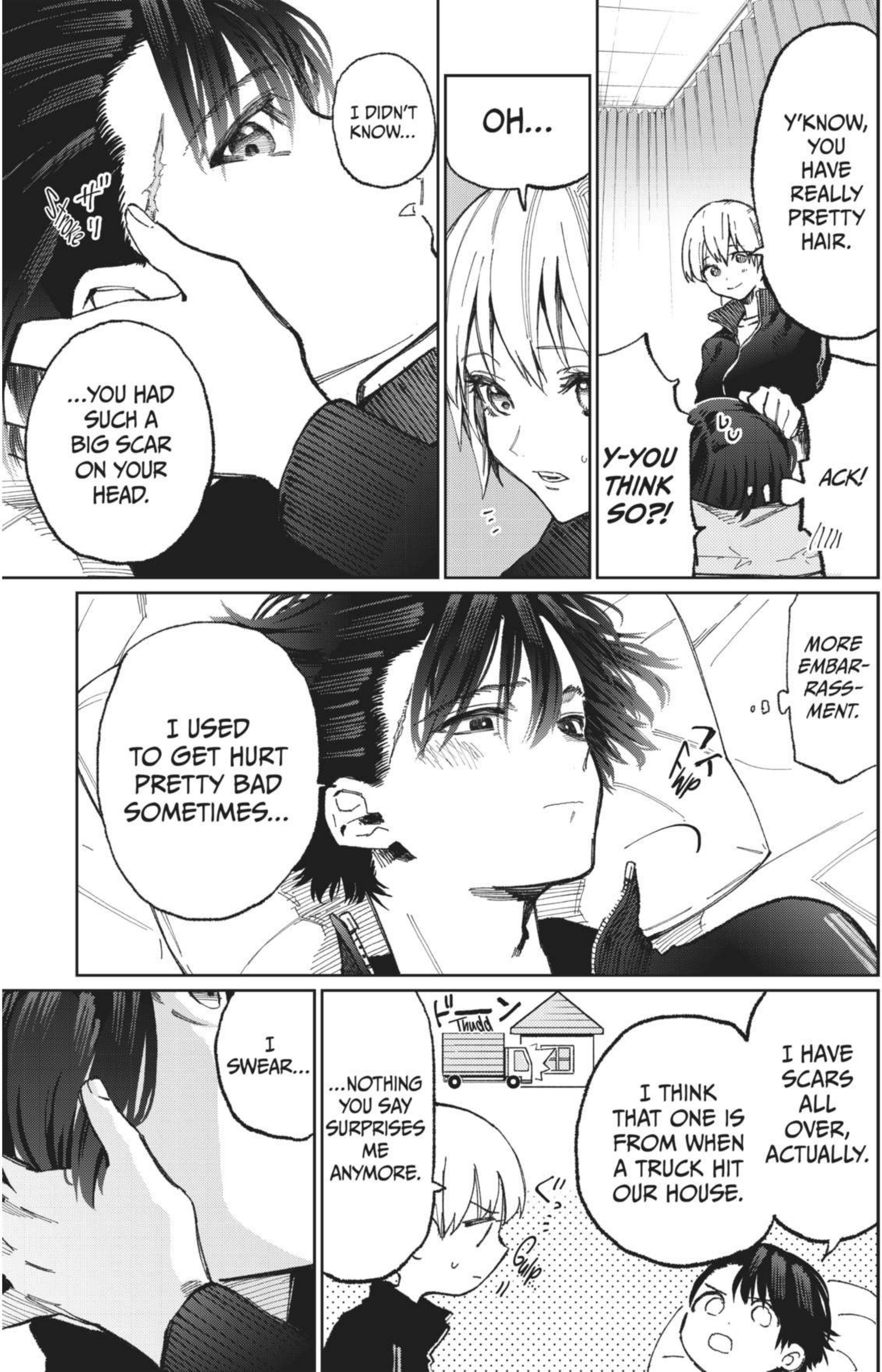
SHIKIMORI'S

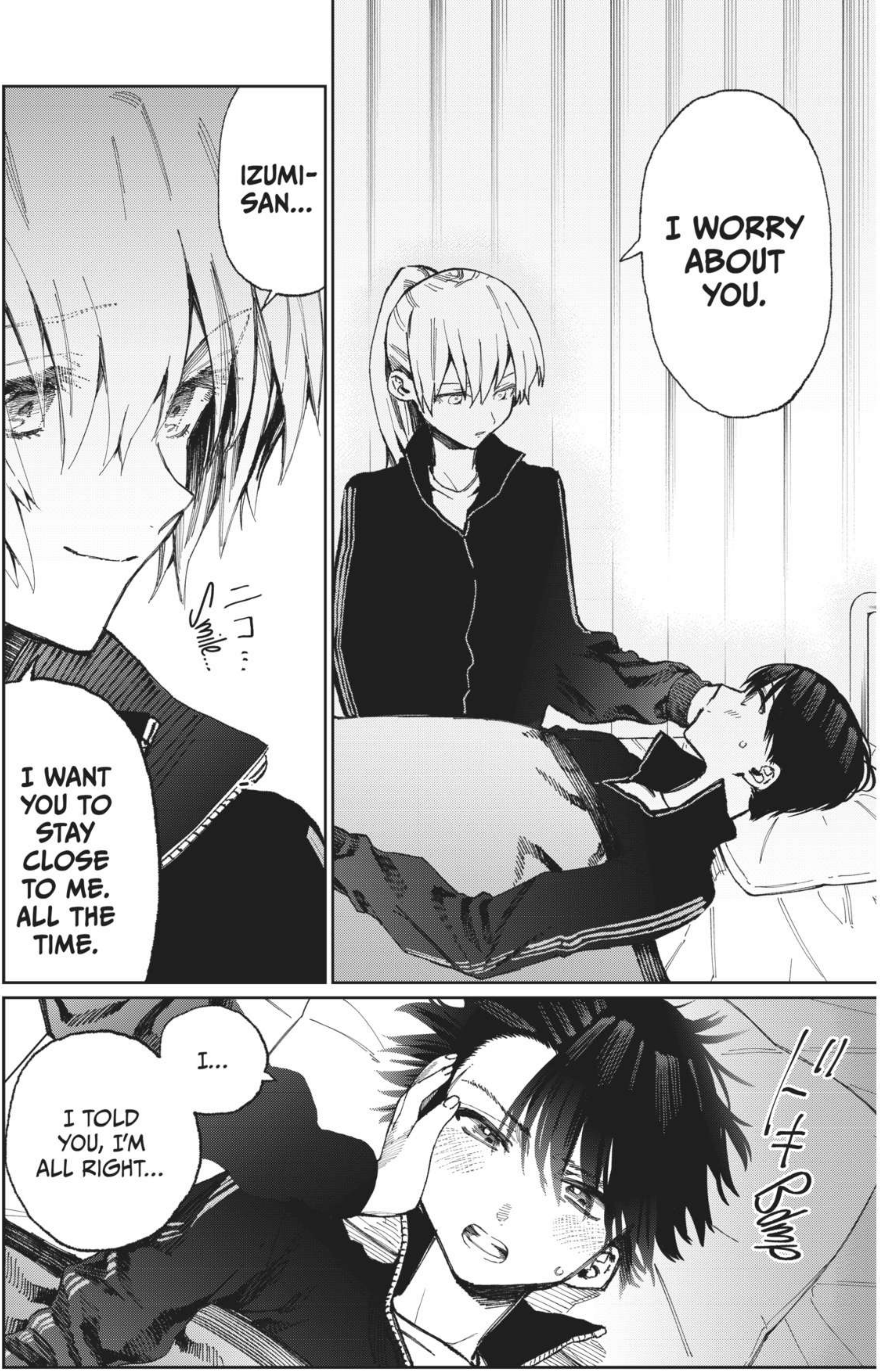
not just a cutie

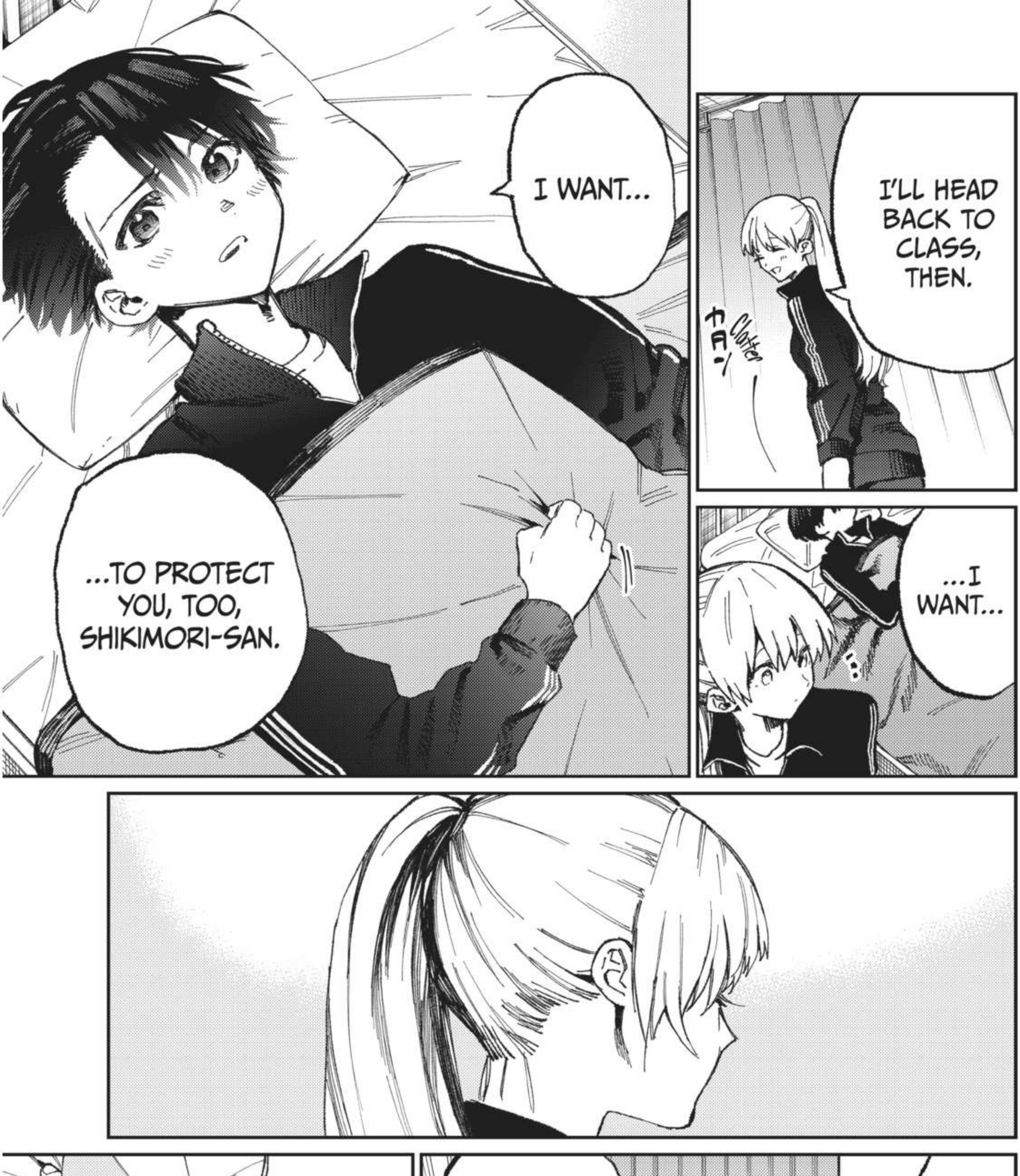
Chapter 11

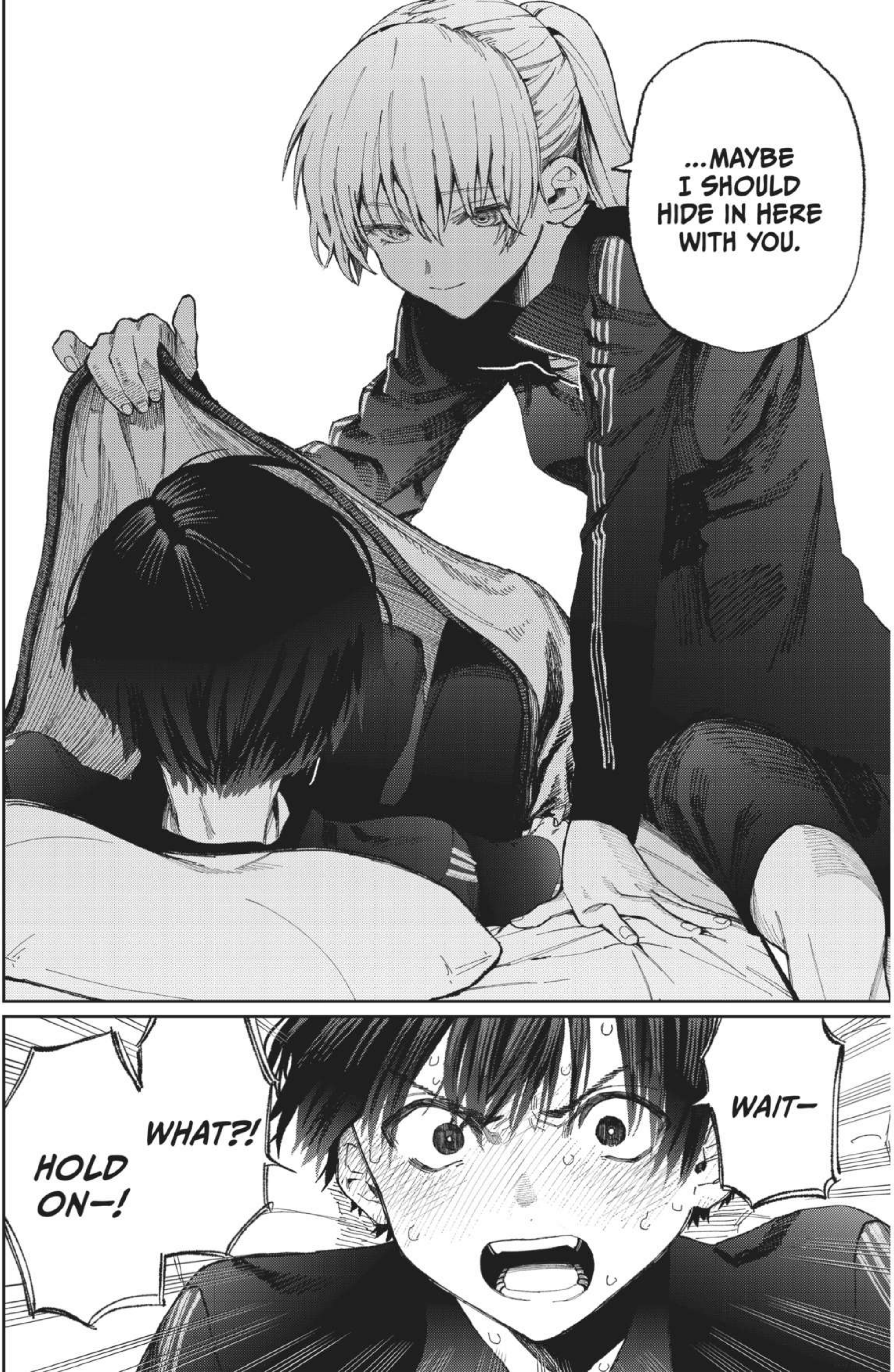

NURSE
I NEED TO GO TO THE OFFICE. YOU STAY HERE.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR NEXT CLASS. JUST REST.
OKAY, SENSEI.
ガラララ… Rattle…
ピシャッ Chk
ARE YOU OKAY, IZUMI-SAN?
DO YOU FEEL NAUSEOUS? SHOULD I GET YOU SOME WATER?
MY GIRLFRIEND...
...IS SO NICE TO ME...
I'M FINE, SHIKIMORI-SAN.

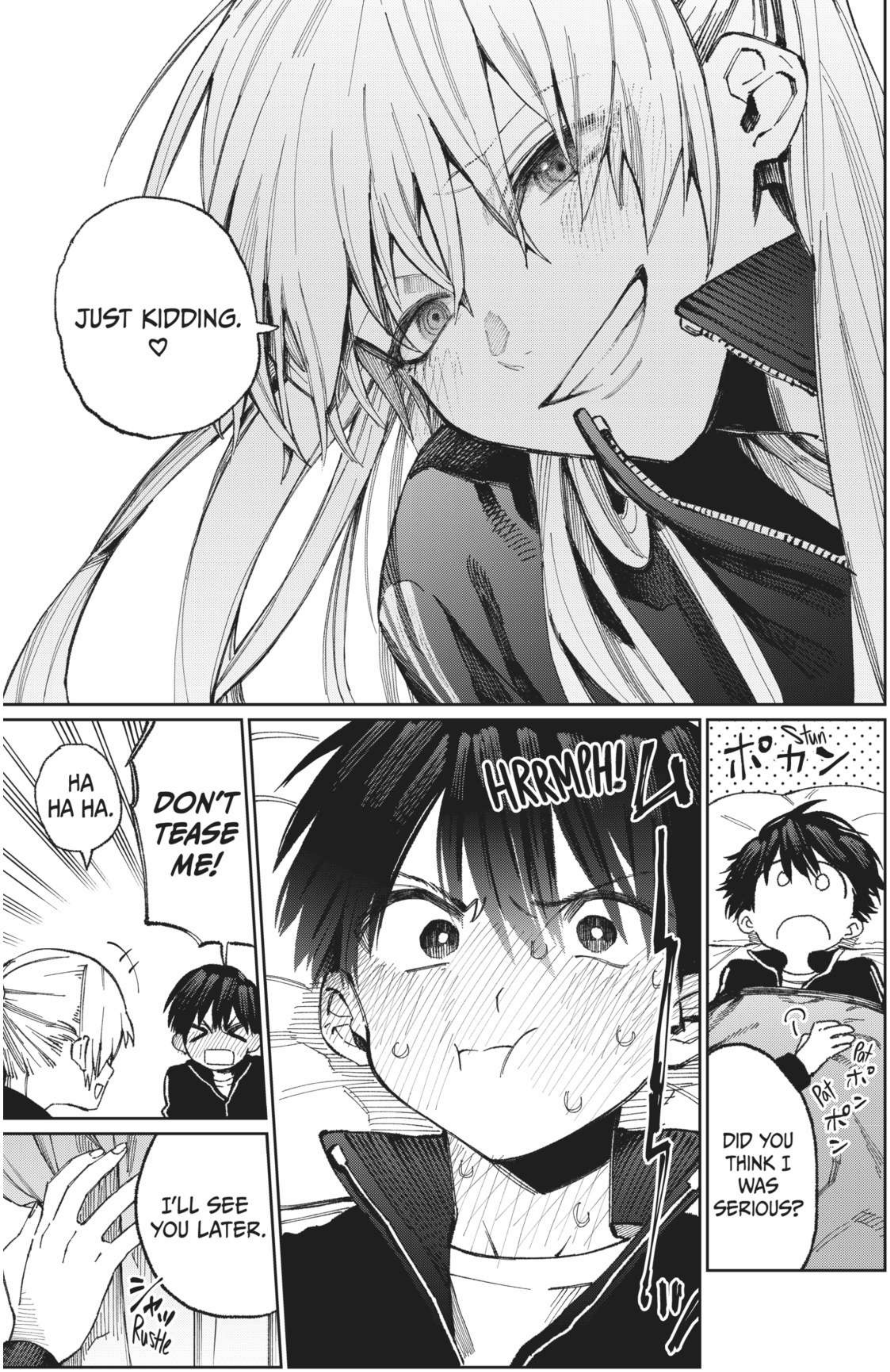

BUT...
I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU. THAT BALL HIT YOU RIGHT IN THE FACE.
WHAMM
IZUMI?!
Just kill me now...
PLEASE DON'T TALK ABOUT IT. IT WAS HUMILIATING...
IT WASN'T BAD LUCK THIS TIME, THOUGH. YOU WERE JUST CLUMSY.
YOU'RE BRUTAL...
I'm pathetic...
HERE I AM, MAKING HER WORRY AGAIN...
SILLY...
Brush...

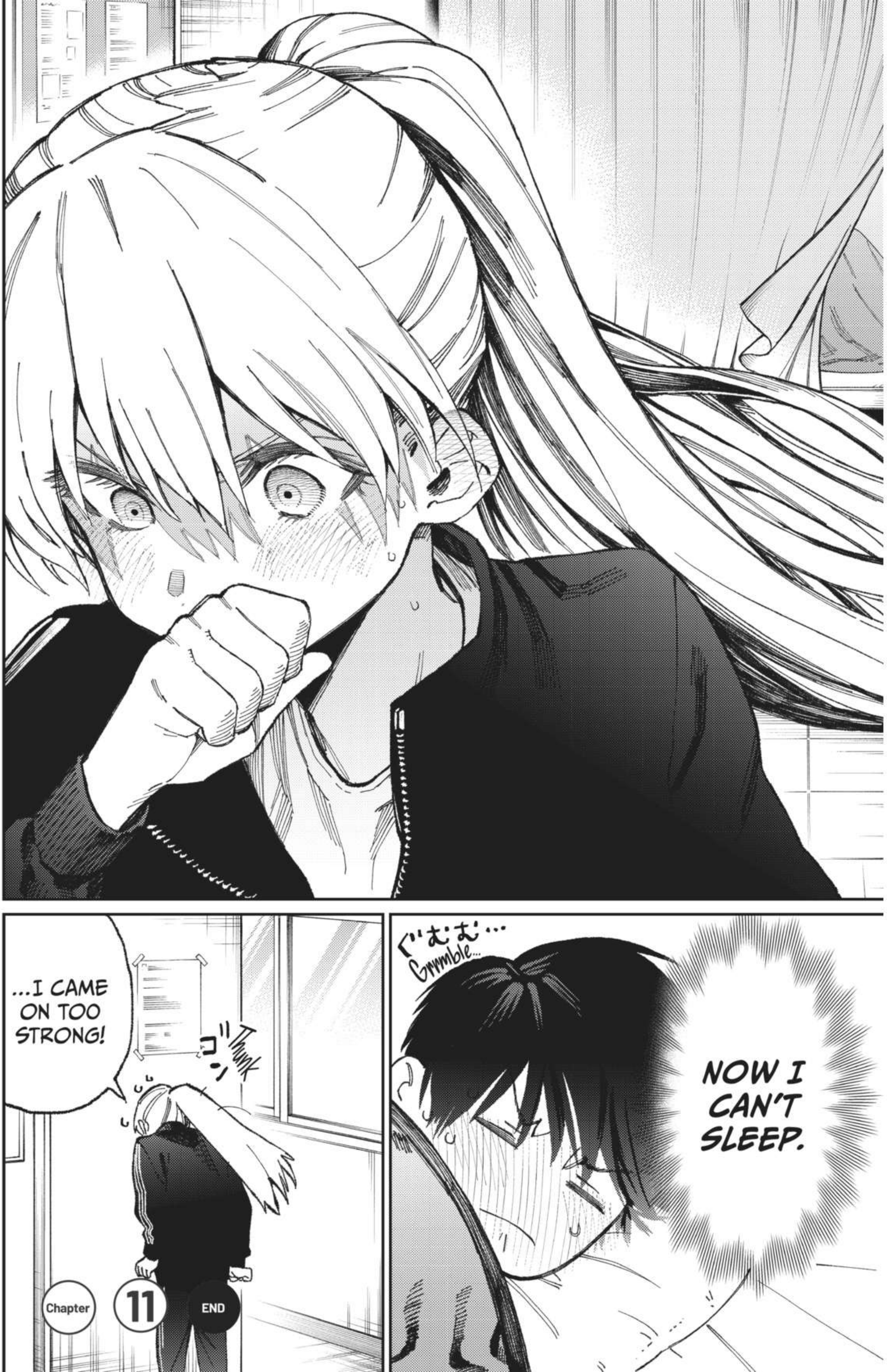

Y'KNOW, YOU HAVE REALLY PRETTY HAIR.
ACK!
Y-YOU THINK SO?!
OH...
I DIDN'T KNOW...
...YOU HAD SUCH A BIG SCAR ON YOUR HEAD.
ザリ
Stroke
MORE EMBARRASSMENT.
Fwp
I USED TO GET HURT PRETTY BAD SOMETIMES...
I HAVE SCARS ALL OVER, ACTUALLY.
I THINK THAT ONE IS FROM WHEN A TRUCK HIT OUR HOUSE.
ドーン
Thudd
...NOTHING YOU SAY SURPRISES ME ANYMORE.
Gulp
I SWEAR...


I WORRY ABOUT YOU.
IZUMI-SAN...
ニコ…
Smile...
I WANT YOU TO STAY CLOSE TO ME. ALL THE TIME.
ドキ
Bump
I...
I TOLD YOU, I'M ALL RIGHT...


I'LL HEAD BACK TO CLASS, THEN.
カタン
Clatter
...I WANT...
I WANT...
...TO PROTECT YOU, TOO, SHIKIMORI-SAN.
...NEVER MIND.
I'M STAYING HERE.
HUH?!
BUT THE NEXT CLASS IS ABOUT TO START!
IN THAT CASE...
ギュッ

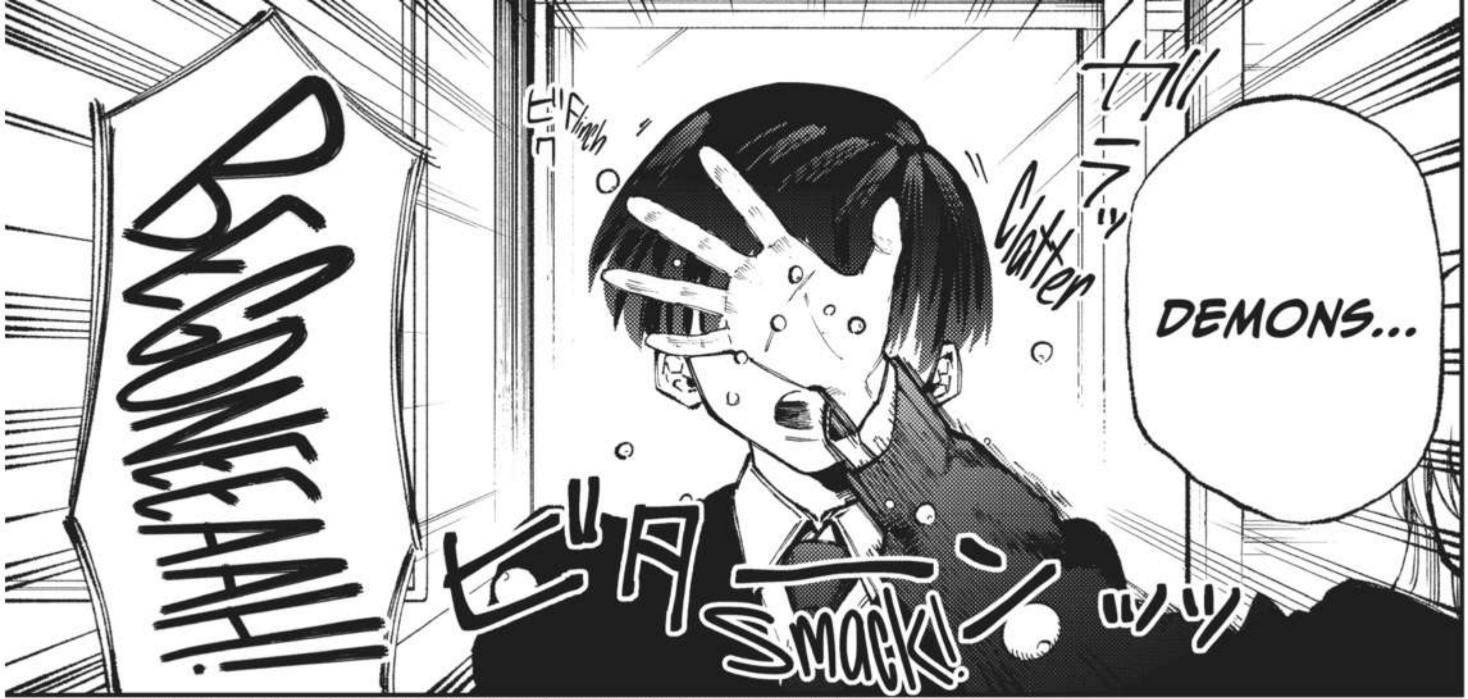

...MAYBE I SHOULD HIDE IN HERE WITH YOU.
WAIT—
WHAT?!
HOLD ON—!


JUST KIDDING. ♡
ポカン
Stun
ポン
Pat
ポン
Pat
DID YOU THINK I WAS SERIOUS?
HRRMPH!
DON'T TEASE ME!
HA HA HA.
I'LL SEE YOU LATER.
シャッ
Rustle

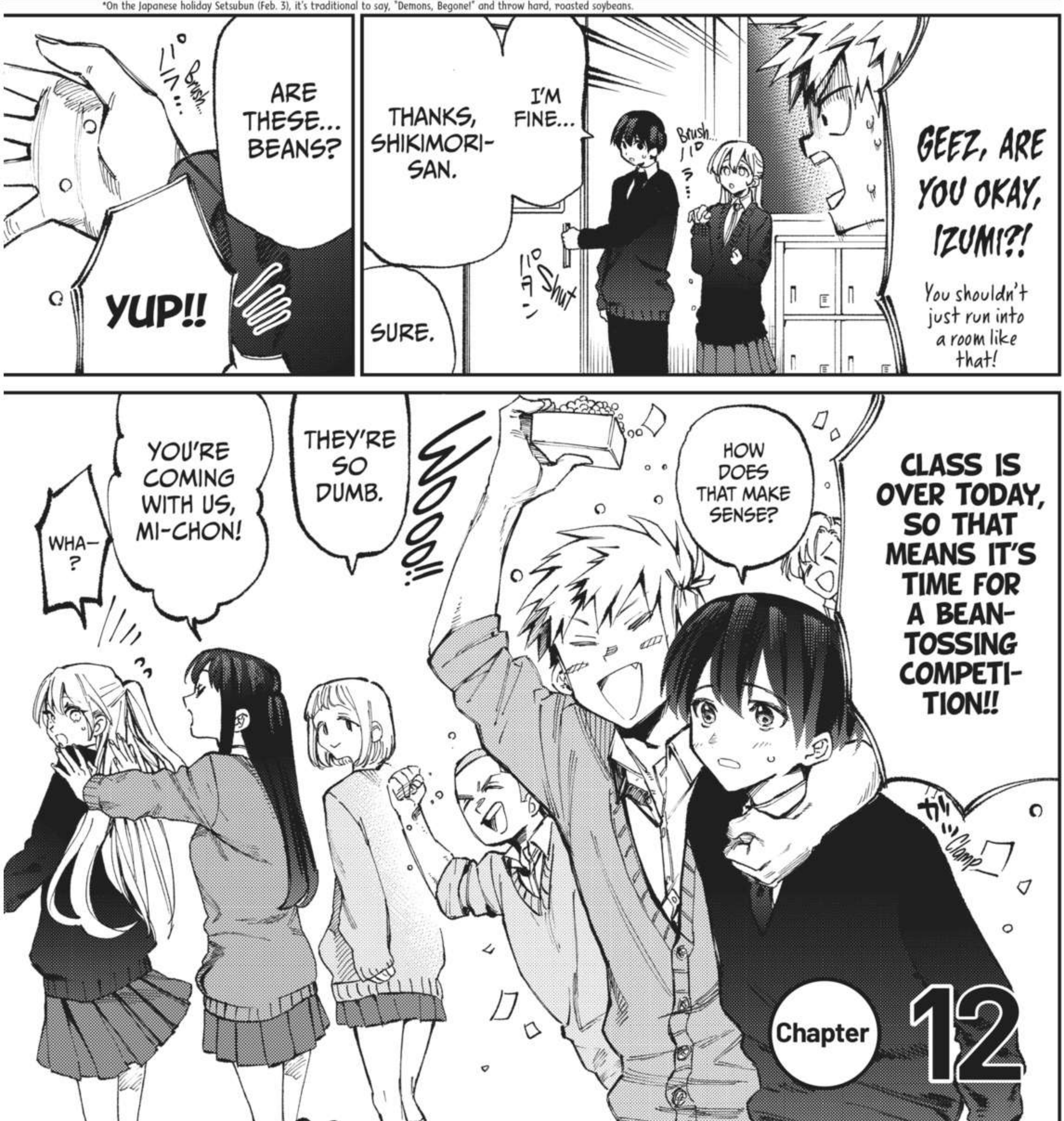

ぐむむ…
Grmmble...
NOW I CAN'T SLEEP.
...I CAME ON TOO STRONG!
ゴン
Thunk
Chapter 11 END

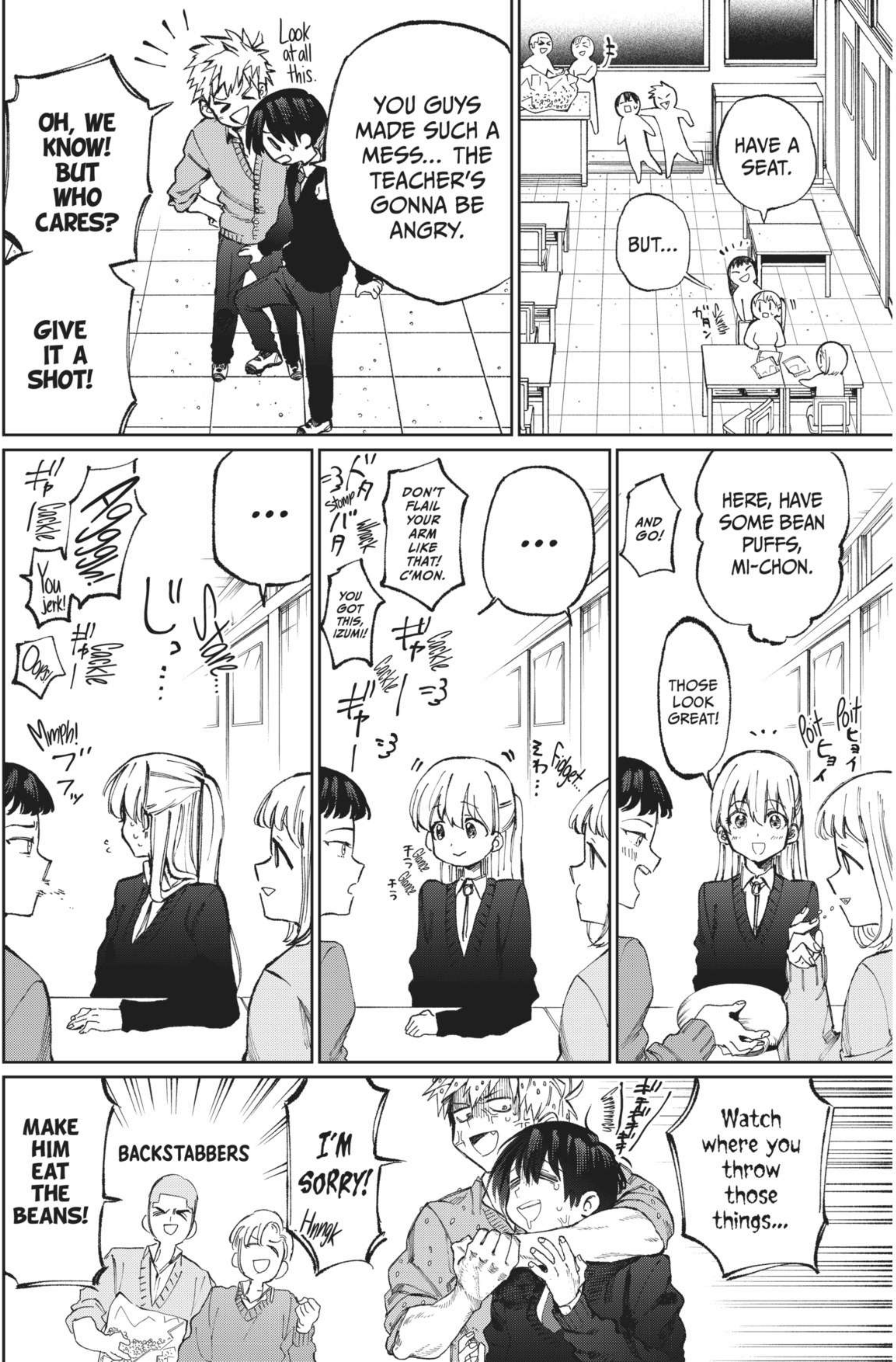
セーラー
Sailor suit

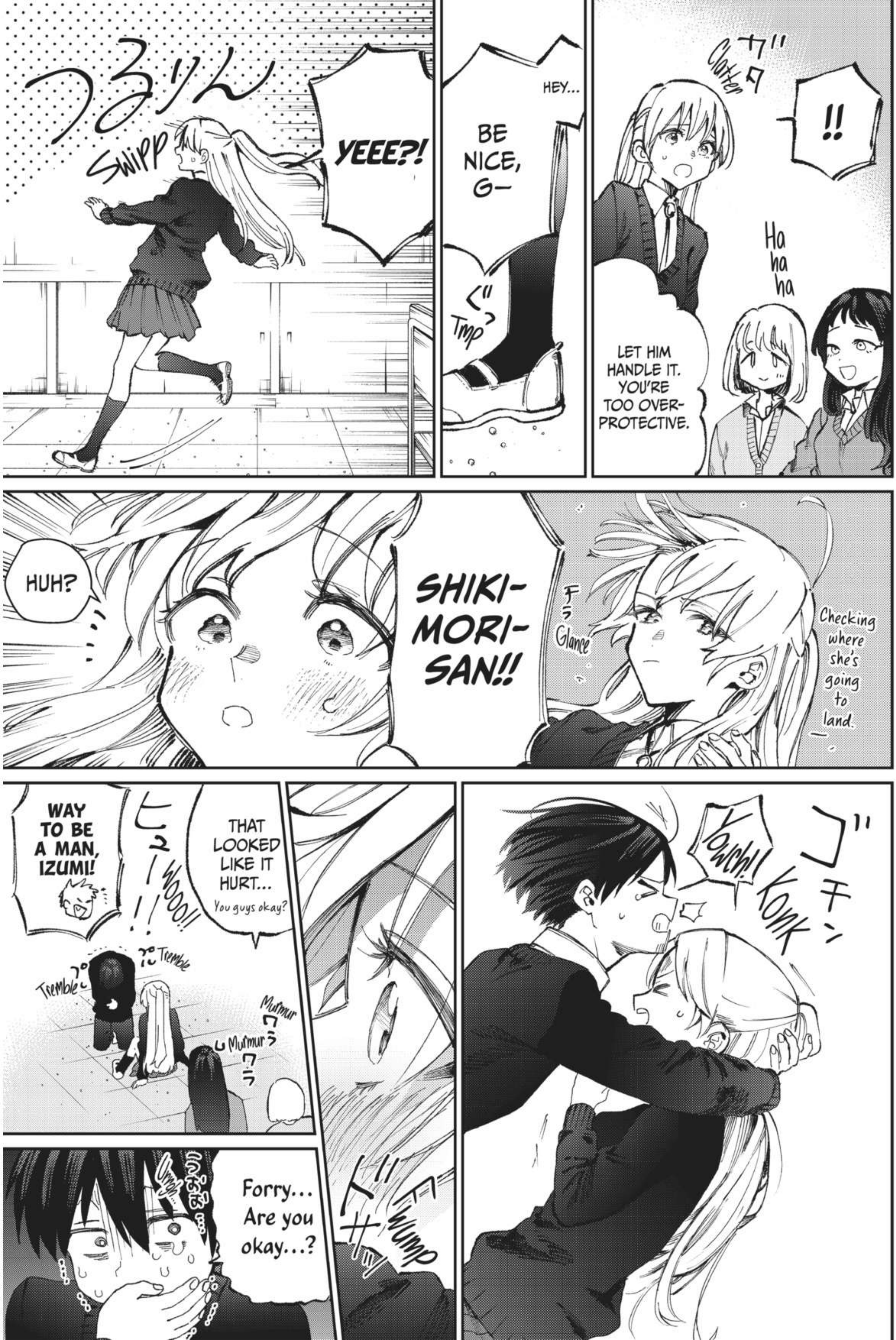
SCAR
傷

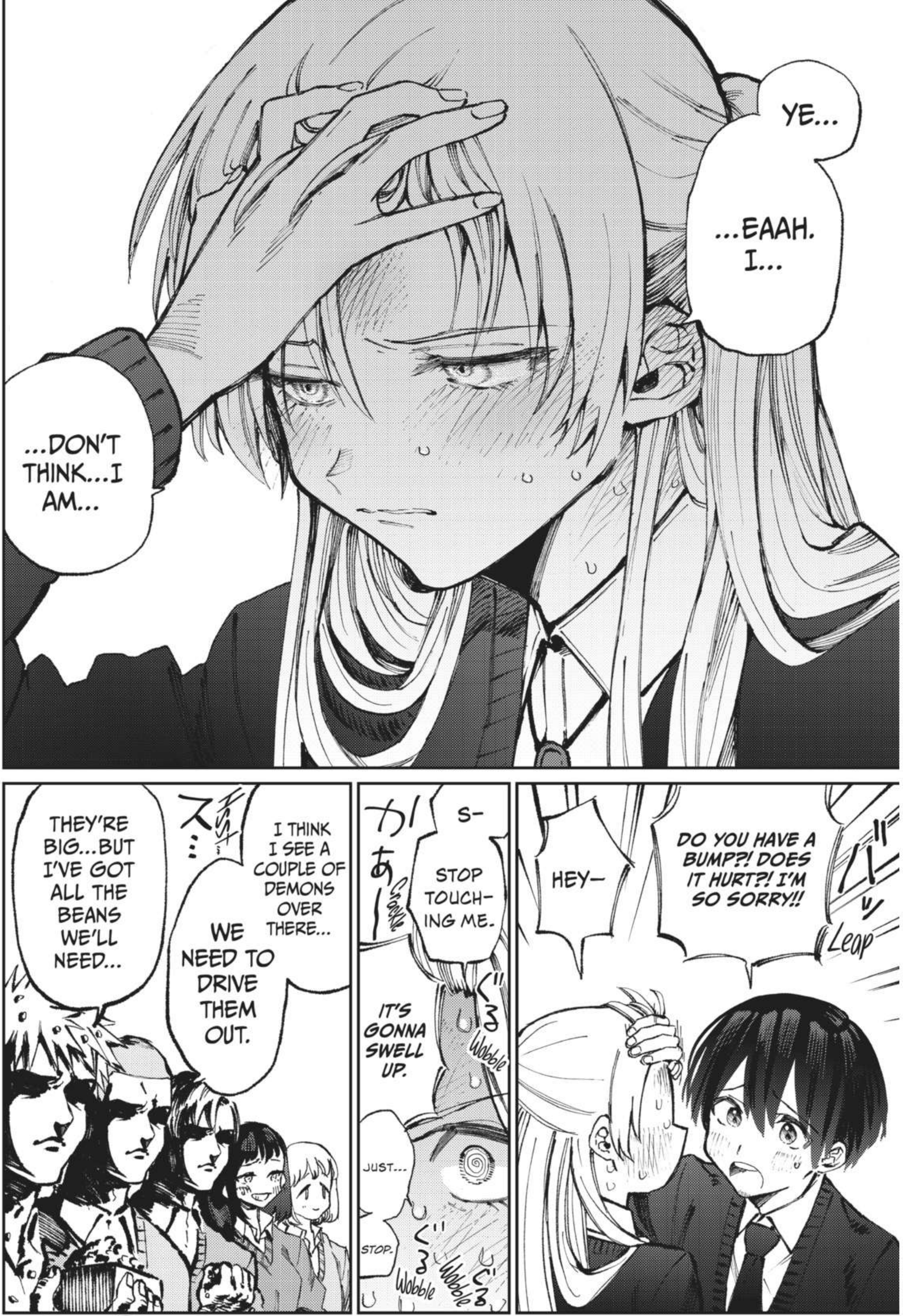

DEMONS...
ガラッ Clatter
ビクッ Flinch
BEGONEEAAH!!
ビターンッッ SMACK!

*On the Japanese holiday Setsubun (Feb. 3), it's traditional to say, "Demons, Begone!" and throw hard, roasted soybeans.


GEEZ, ARE YOU OKAY, IZUMI?!
You shouldn't just run into a room like that!
Brush パパ...
I'M FINE...
THANKS, SHIKIMORI-SAN.
パタン Shut
SURE.
ARE THESE... BEANS?
パパ Brush...
YUP!!
CLASS IS OVER TODAY, SO THAT MEANS IT'S TIME FOR A BEAN-TOSSING COMPETITION!!
HOW DOES THAT MAKE SENSE?
WOOOO!!
THEY'RE SO DUMB.
YOU'RE COMING WITH US, MI-CHON!
WHA-?
ガッ Clamp
Chapter 12

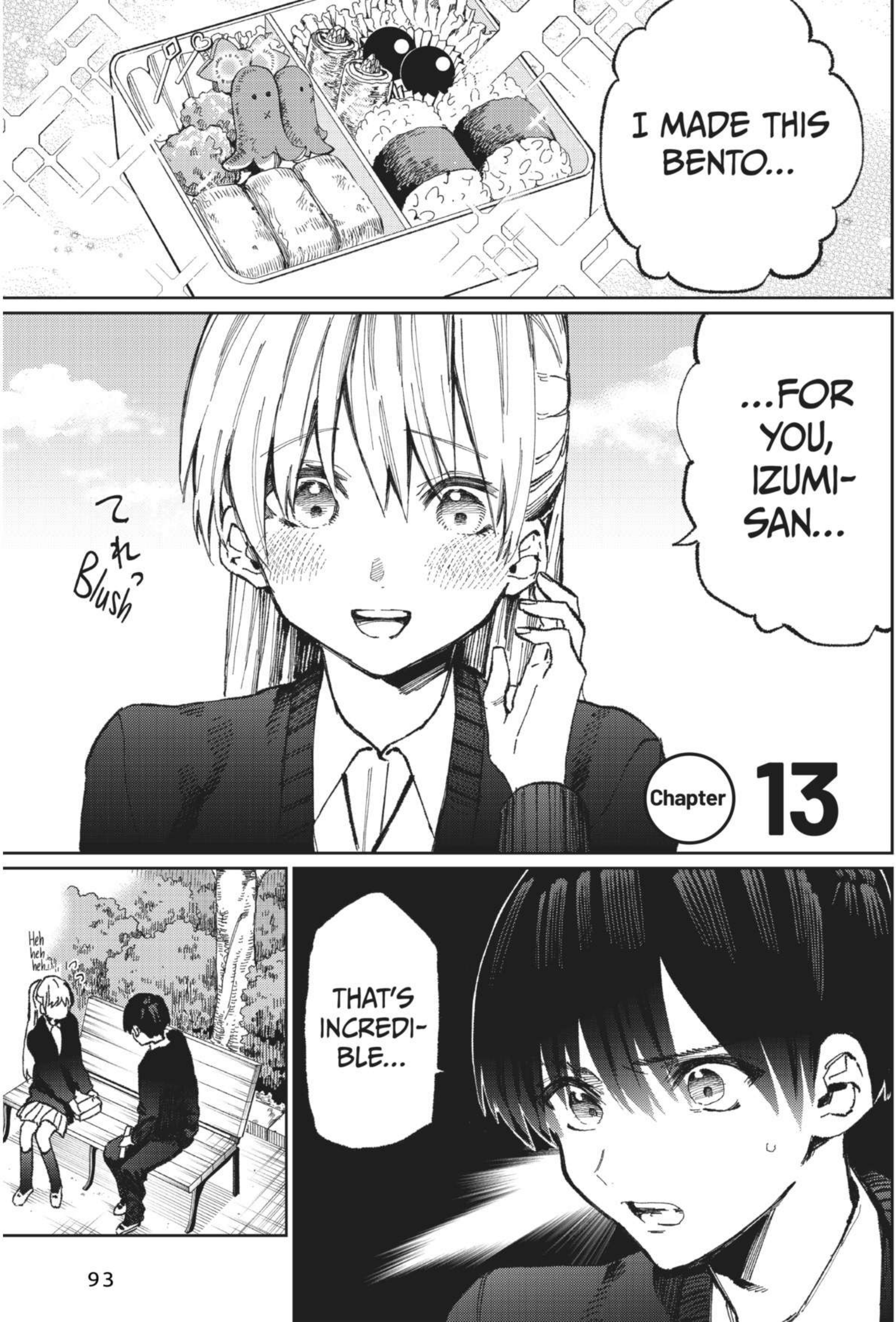

HAVE A SEAT.
BUT...
Screech
ガタン
YOU GUYS MADE SUCH A MESS... THE TEACHER'S GONNA BE ANGRY.
Look at all this.
OH, WE KNOW! BUT WHO CARES?
GIVE IT A SHOT!
HERE, HAVE SOME BEAN PUFFS, MI-CHON.
AND GO!
THOSE LOOK GREAT!
Poit Poit
ヒョイ ヒョイ
...
...
DON'T FLAIL YOUR ARM LIKE THAT! C'MON.
YOU GOT THIS, IZUMI!
Stomp
Whack
バタ バタ
Cackle
Cackle
ギャー
Fidget...
ソワ...
Glance
Glance
チラ チラ
...
Aggghh!
Cackle
You jerk!
Cackle
Oops!
ギャー
Stare...
じーっ...
Mmph!
ブフッ
Watch where you throw those things...
ギリギリギリ
I'M SORRY!
Hnngk
BACKSTABBERS
MAKE HIM EAT THE BEANS!

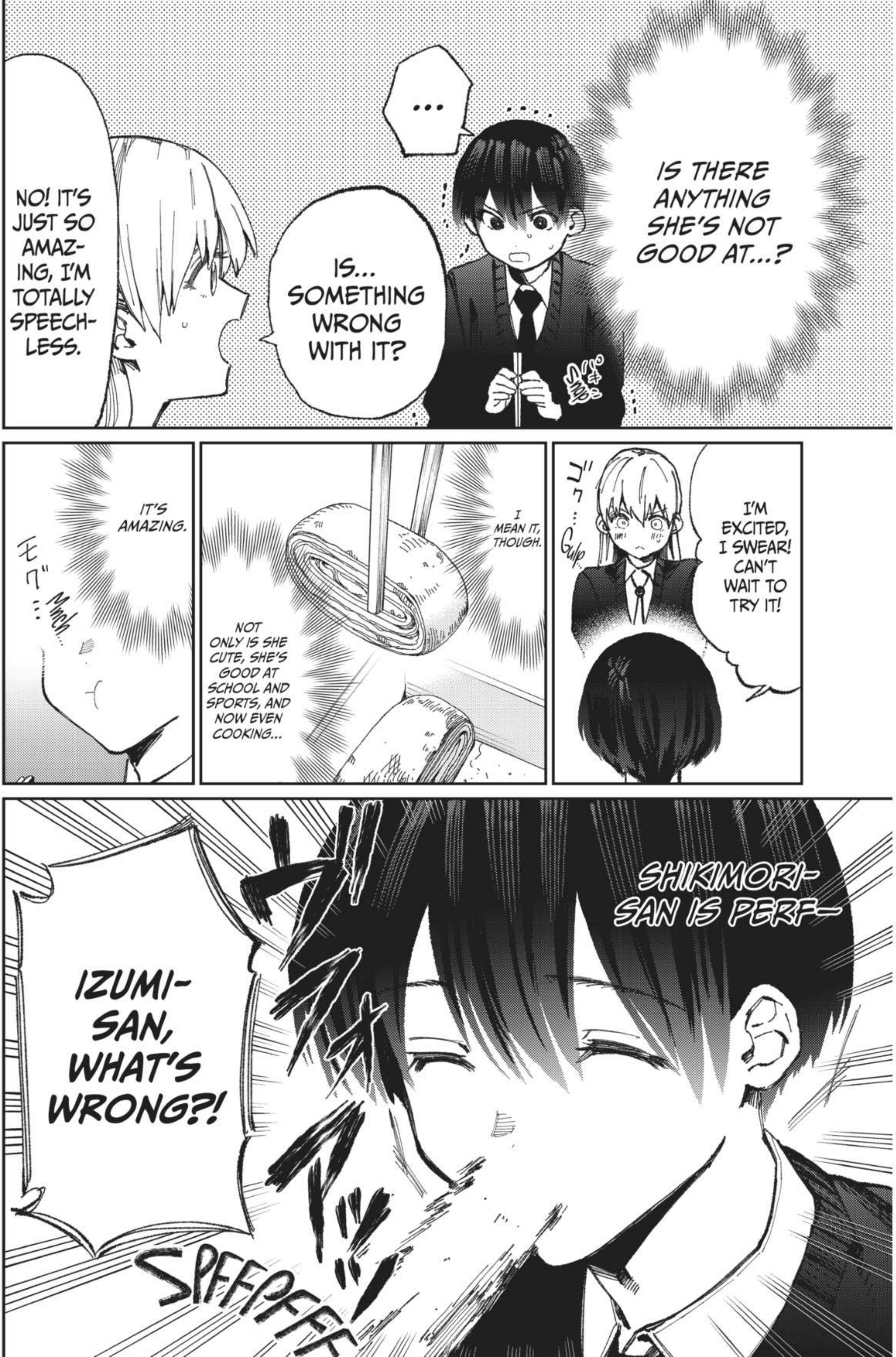

ガタ
Clatter
!!
Ha ha ha
LET HIM HANDLE IT. YOU'RE TOO OVER-PROTECTIVE.
HEY...
BE NICE, G—
ぐっ
Tmp
YEEE?!
つるりん
Swipp
SHIKI-MORI-SAN!!
チラ
Glance
Checking where she's going to land.
HUH?
ゴチン
Konk
Youch!
ドサッ
Wump
THAT LOOKED LIKE IT HURT...
You guys okay?
ヒューー!!
Wooo!!
WAY TO BE A MAN, IZUMI!
プル
Tremble
プル
Tremble
ワラ
Murmur
ワラ
Murmur
うおぉ…
Urrgh...
Forry... Are you okay...?

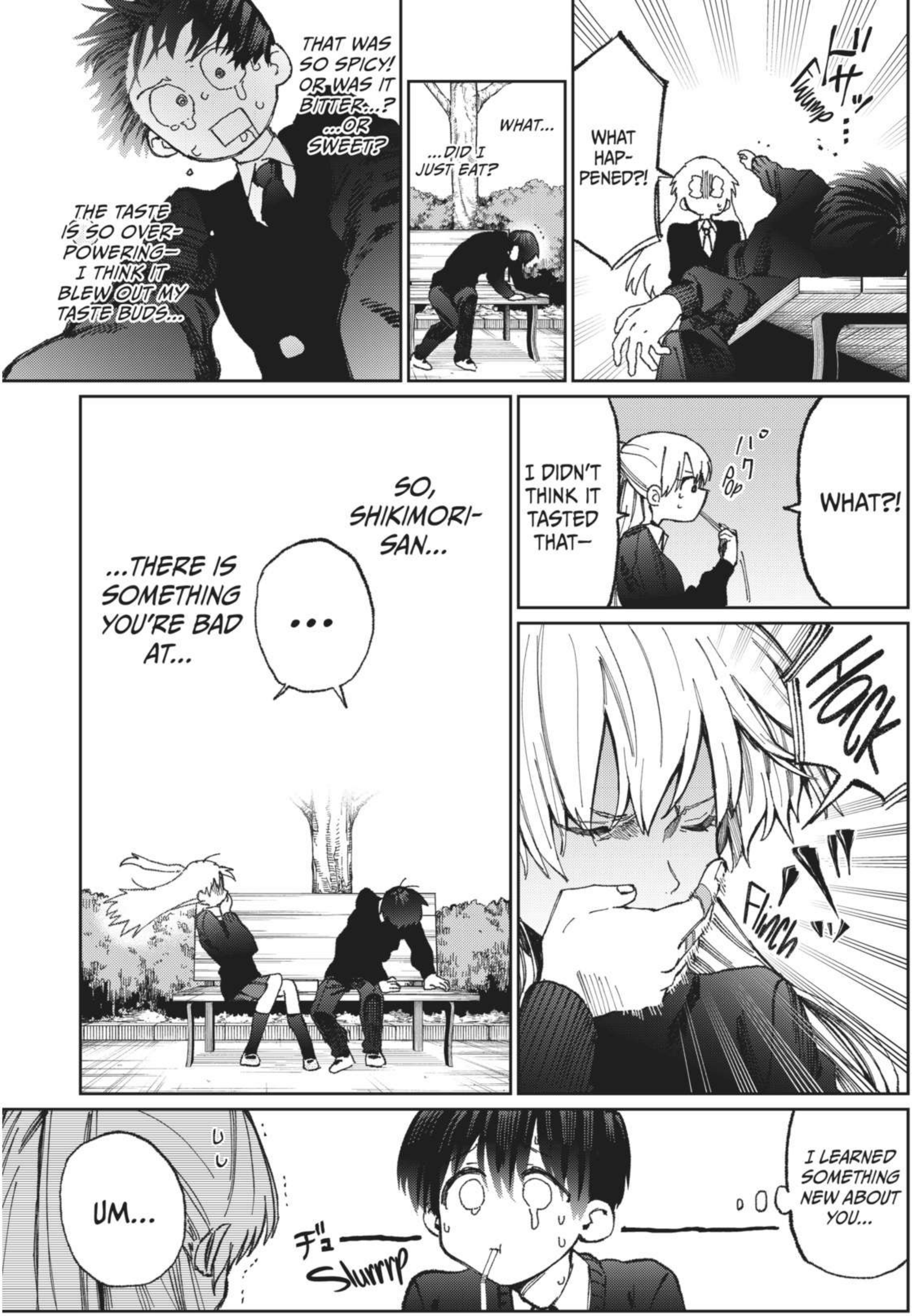

YE...
...EAAH. I...
...DON'T THINK...I AM...
Leap
DO YOU HAVE A BUMP?! DOES IT HURT?! I'M SO SORRY!!
HEY—
S-
STOP TOUCHING ME.
Crackle
IT'S GONNA SWELL UP.
Wobble
JUST...
STOP.
Wobble
Wobble
I THINK I SEE A COUPLE OF DEMONS OVER THERE...
WE NEED TO DRIVE THEM OUT.
THEY'RE BIG...BUT I'VE GOT ALL THE BEANS WE'LL NEED...

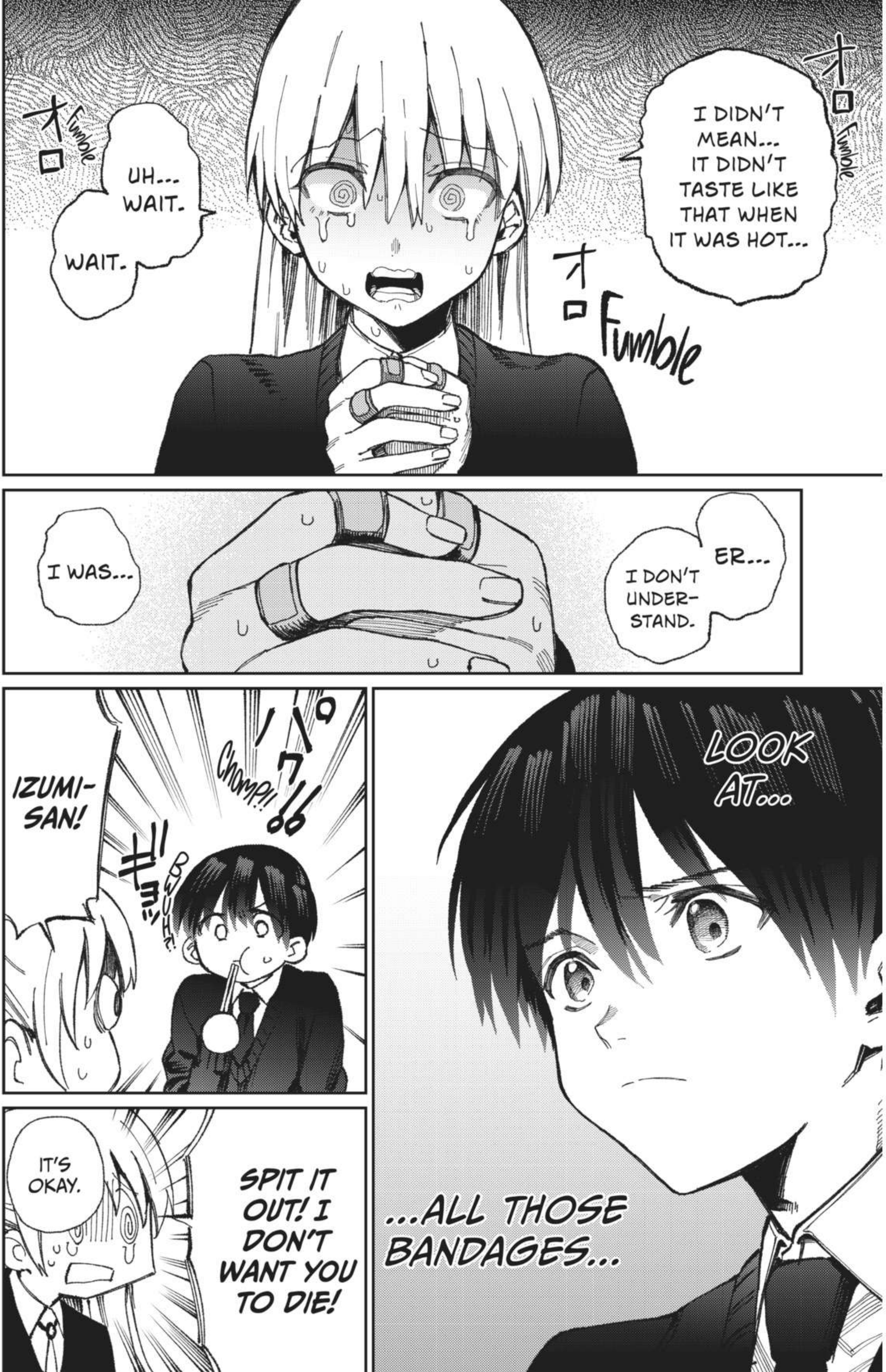
Chapter 12 END

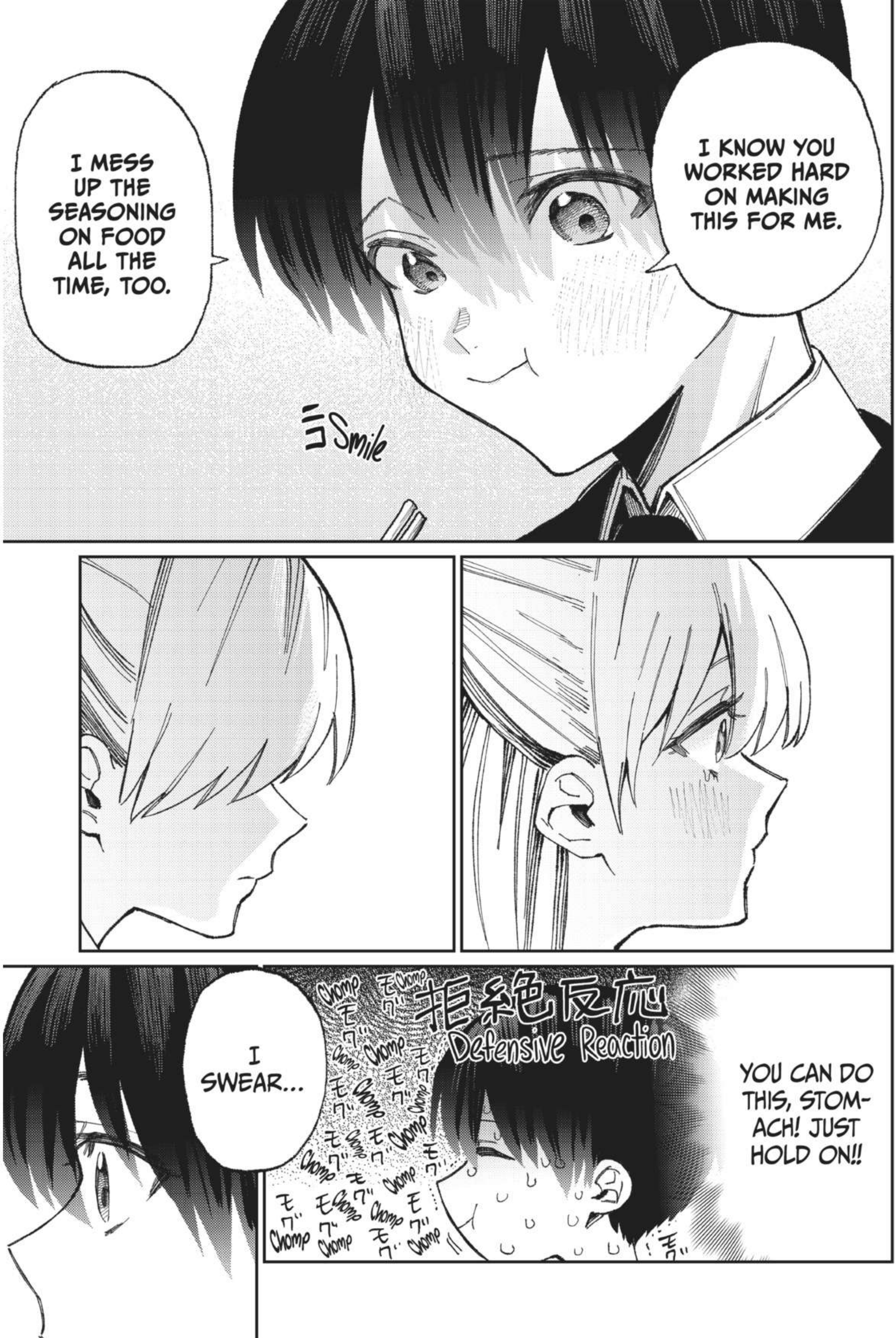
Chapter 13

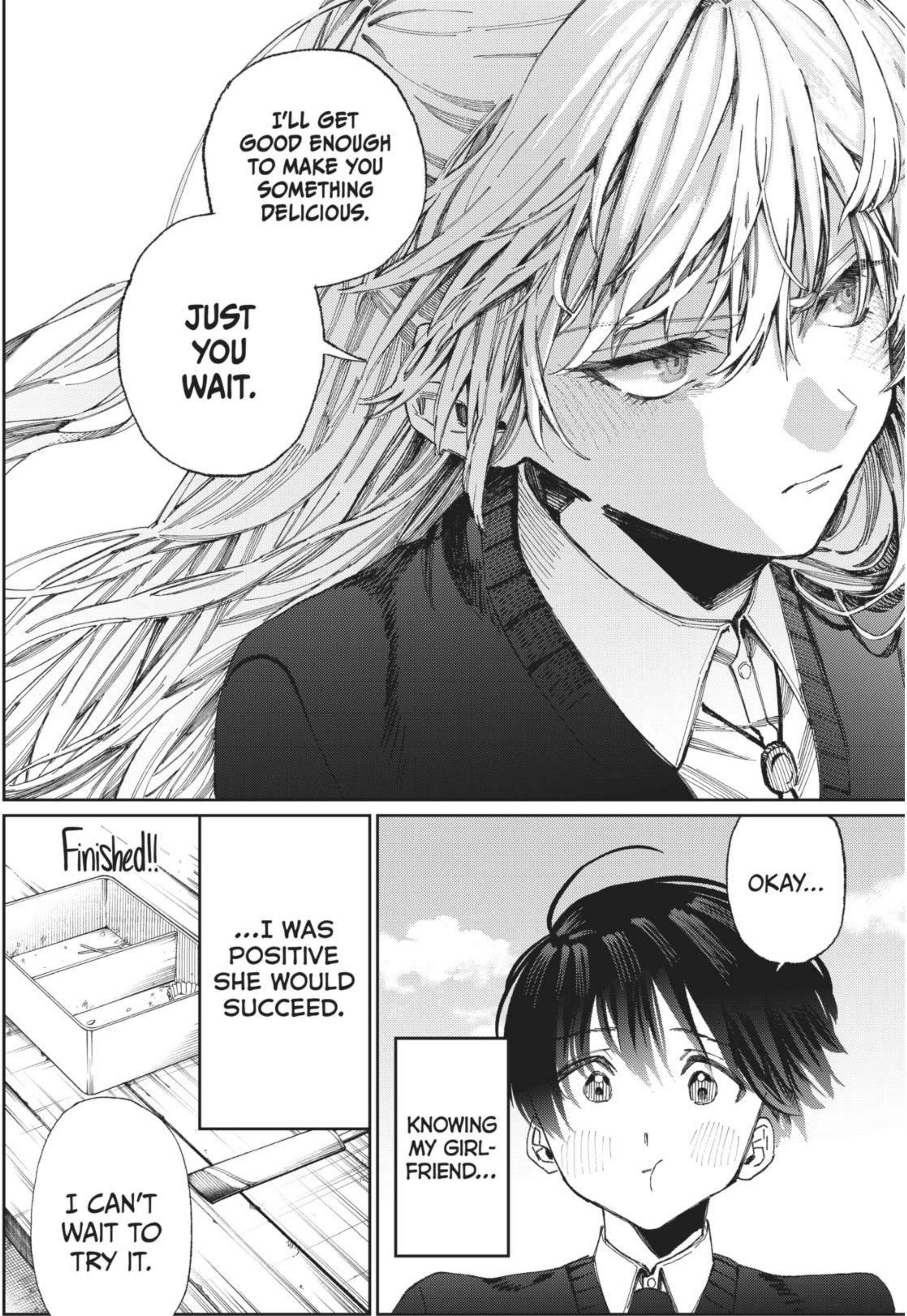

I MADE THIS BENTO...
...FOR YOU, IZUMI-SAN...
てれ Blush
THAT'S INCREDIBLE...
Heh heh heh...


IS THERE ANYTHING SHE'S NOT GOOD AT...?
...
IS... SOMETHING WRONG WITH IT?
NO! IT'S JUST SO AMAZING, I'M TOTALLY SPEECHLESS.
I'M EXCITED, I SWEAR! CAN'T WAIT TO TRY IT!
ゴク... Gulp
I MEAN IT, THOUGH.
NOT ONLY IS SHE CUTE, SHE'S GOOD AT SCHOOL AND SPORTS, AND NOW EVEN COOKING...
IT'S AMAZING.
モグ... Munch...
SHIKIMORI-SAN IS PERF—
IZUMI-SAN, WHAT'S WRONG?!
SPFFPFFF


ドサッ…
Fuuump
WHAT HAP-PENED?!
WHAT...
...DID I JUST EAT?
THAT WAS SO SPICY! OR WAS IT BITTER...? ...OR SWEET?
THE TASTE IS SO OVER-POWERING— I THINK IT BLEW OUT MY TASTE BUDS...
WHAT?!
パク
Pop
I DIDN'T THINK IT TASTED THAT—
HACK
Flinch
SO, SHIKIMORI-SAN...
...
...THERE IS SOMETHING YOU'RE BAD AT...
I LEARNED SOMETHING NEW ABOUT YOU...
ヂュ——
Slurrrp
UM...


オロ Fumble
I DIDN'T MEAN... IT DIDN'T TASTE LIKE THAT WHEN IT WAS HOT...
オロ Fumble
UH... WAIT.
WAIT.
オロ Fumble
ER... I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
I WAS...
LOOK AT...
...ALL THOSE BANDAGES...
パクッ Chomp!!
ギョッ BWUH!?
IZUMI-SAN!
SPIT IT OUT! I DON'T WANT YOU TO DIE!
IT'S OKAY.


I KNOW YOU WORKED HARD ON MAKING THIS FOR ME.
I MESS UP THE SEASONING ON FOOD ALL THE TIME, TOO.
ニコ Smile
YOU CAN DO THIS, STOMACH! JUST HOLD ON!!
拒絶反応 Defensive Reaction
モグ Chomp
I SWEAR...


I'LL GET GOOD ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU SOMETHING DELICIOUS.
JUST YOU WAIT.
OKAY...
KNOWING MY GIRLFRIEND...
...I WAS POSITIVE SHE WOULD SUCCEED.
Finished!!
I CAN'T WAIT TO TRY IT.

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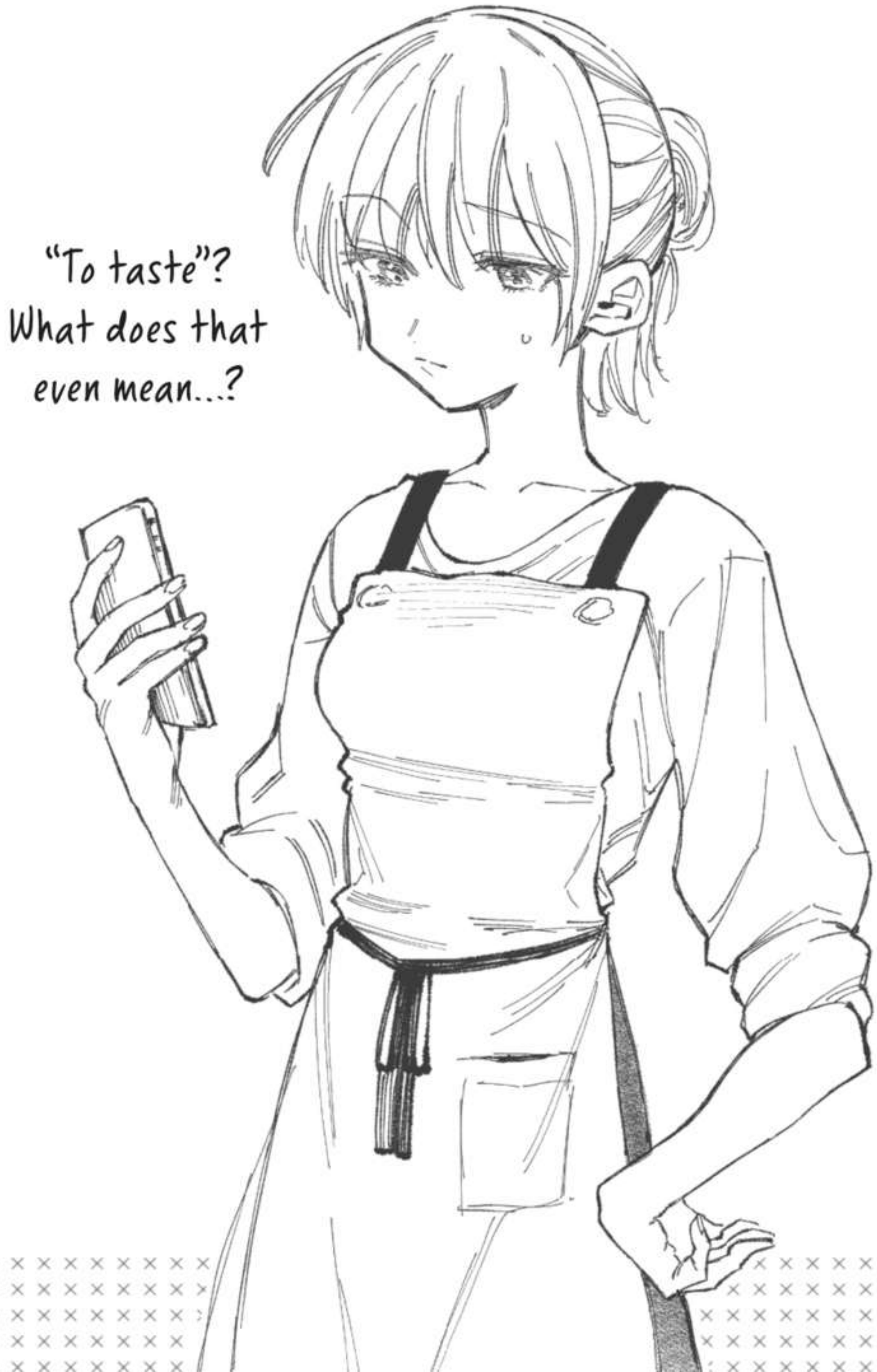
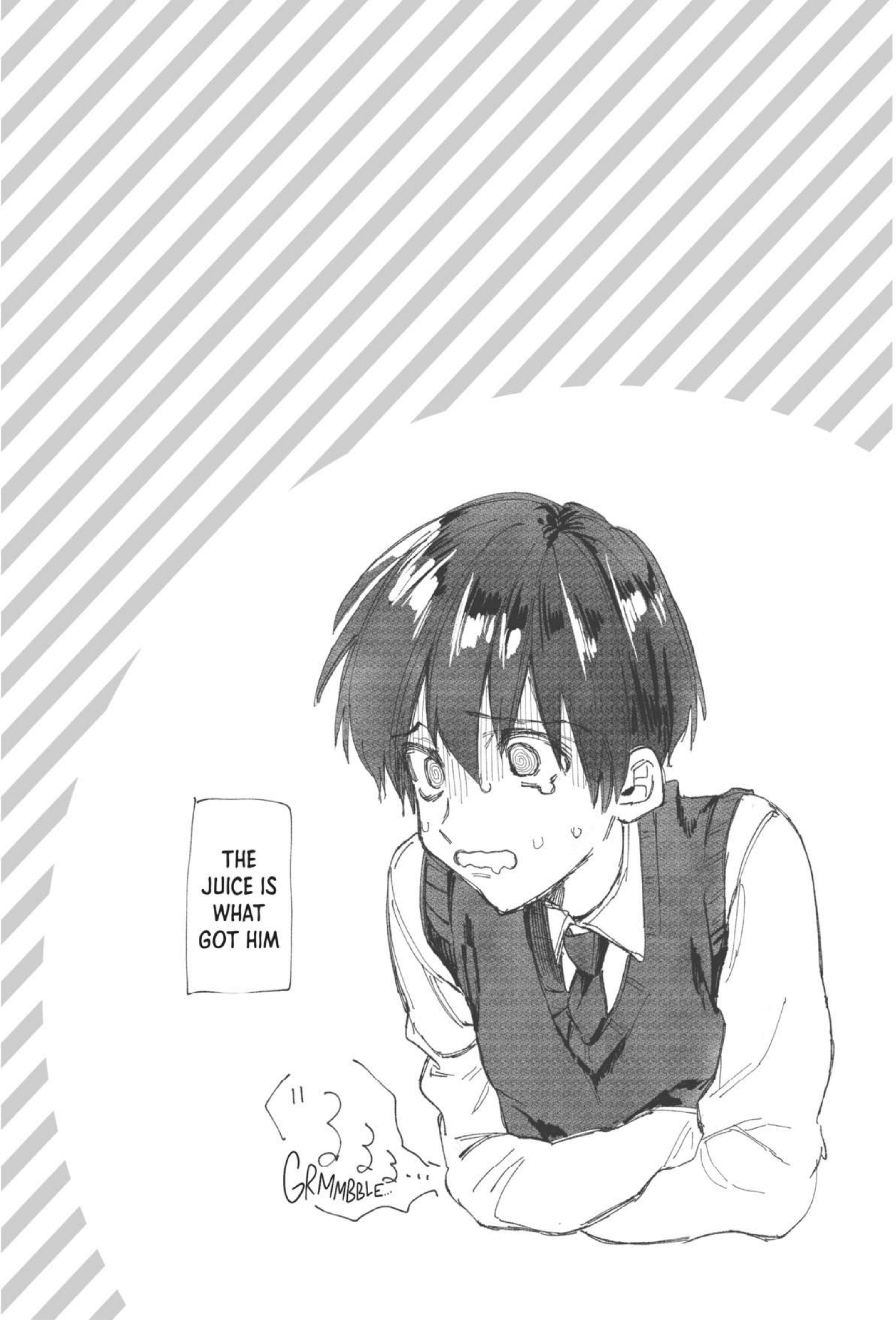
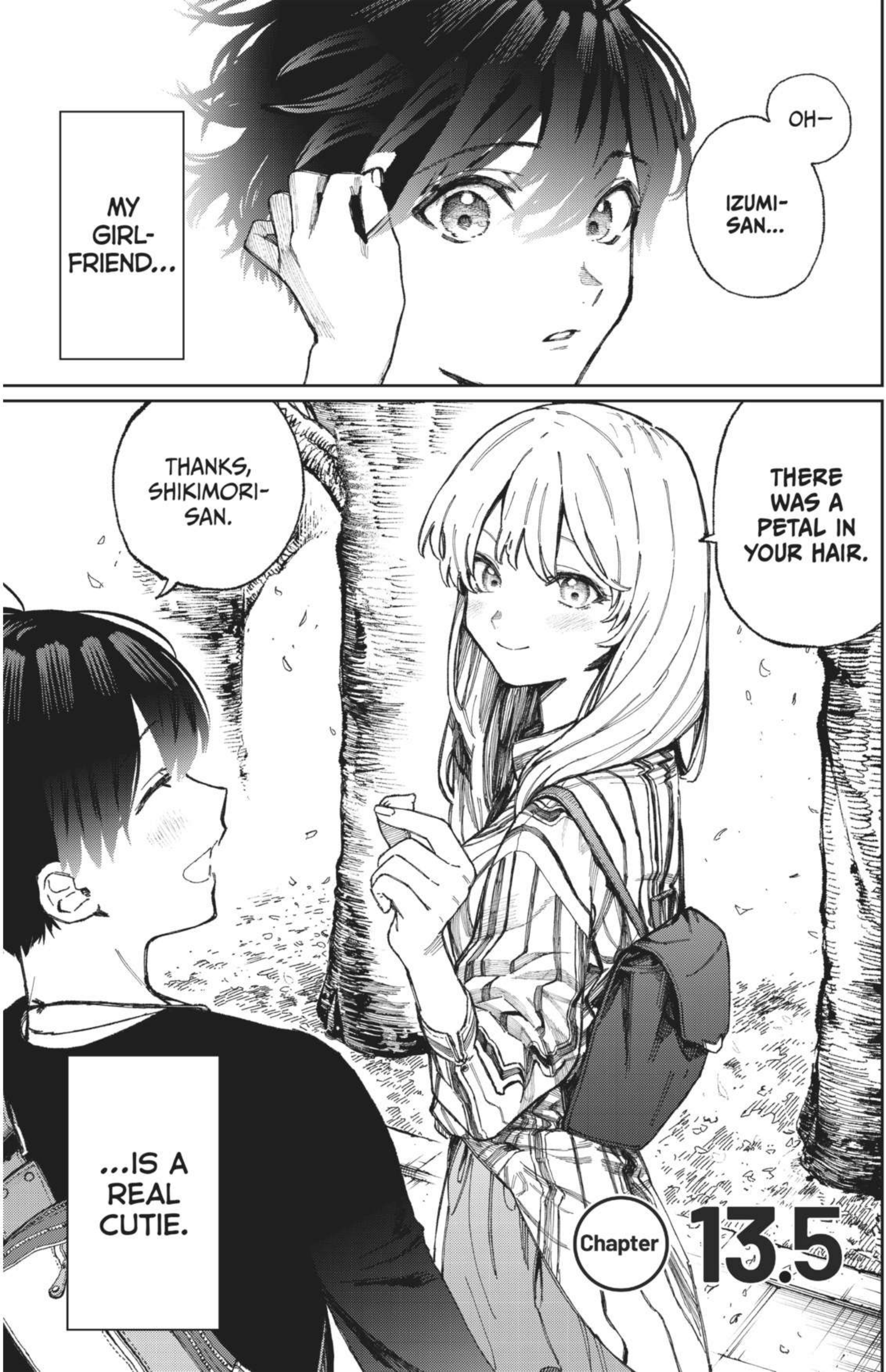
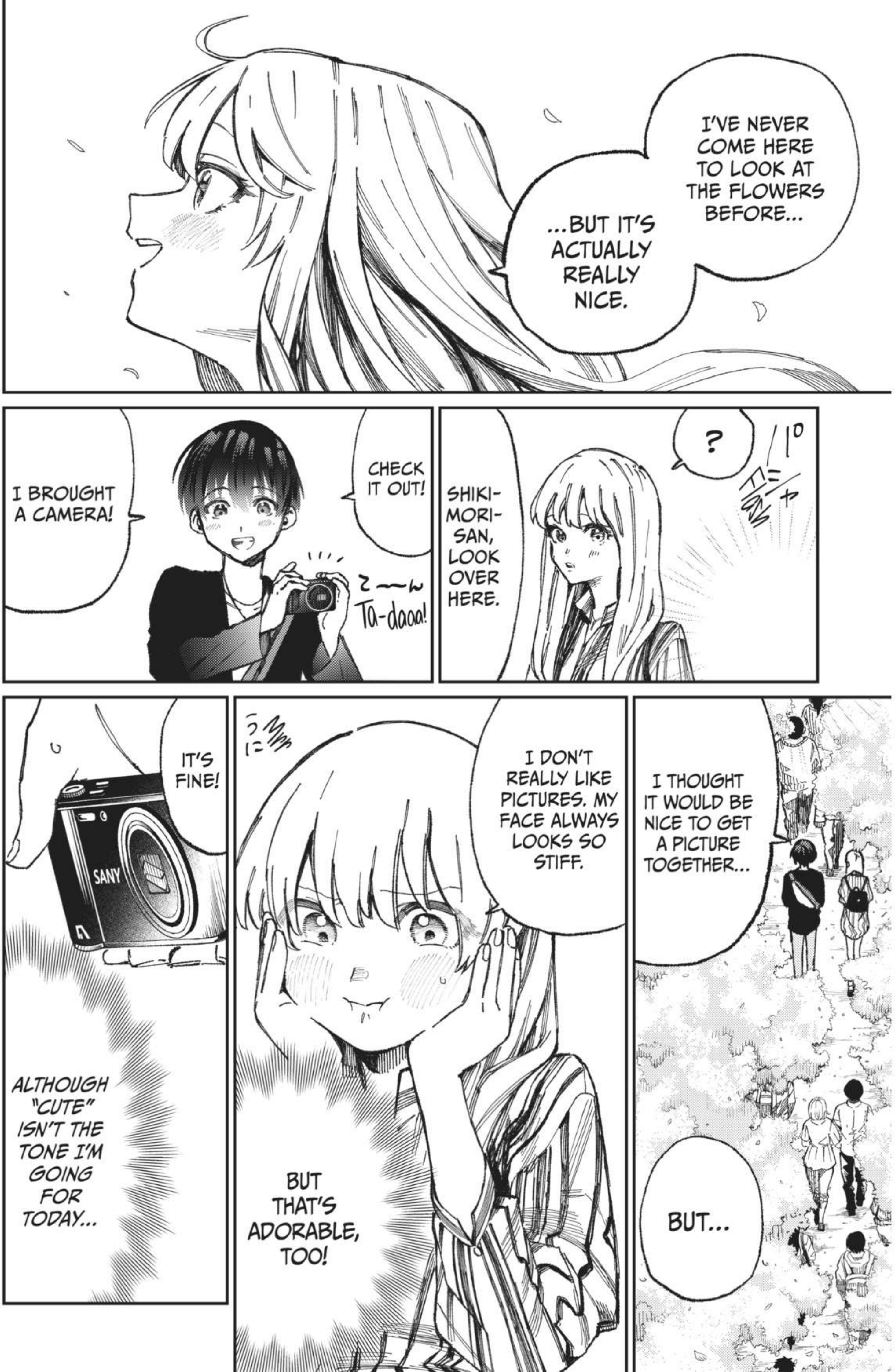
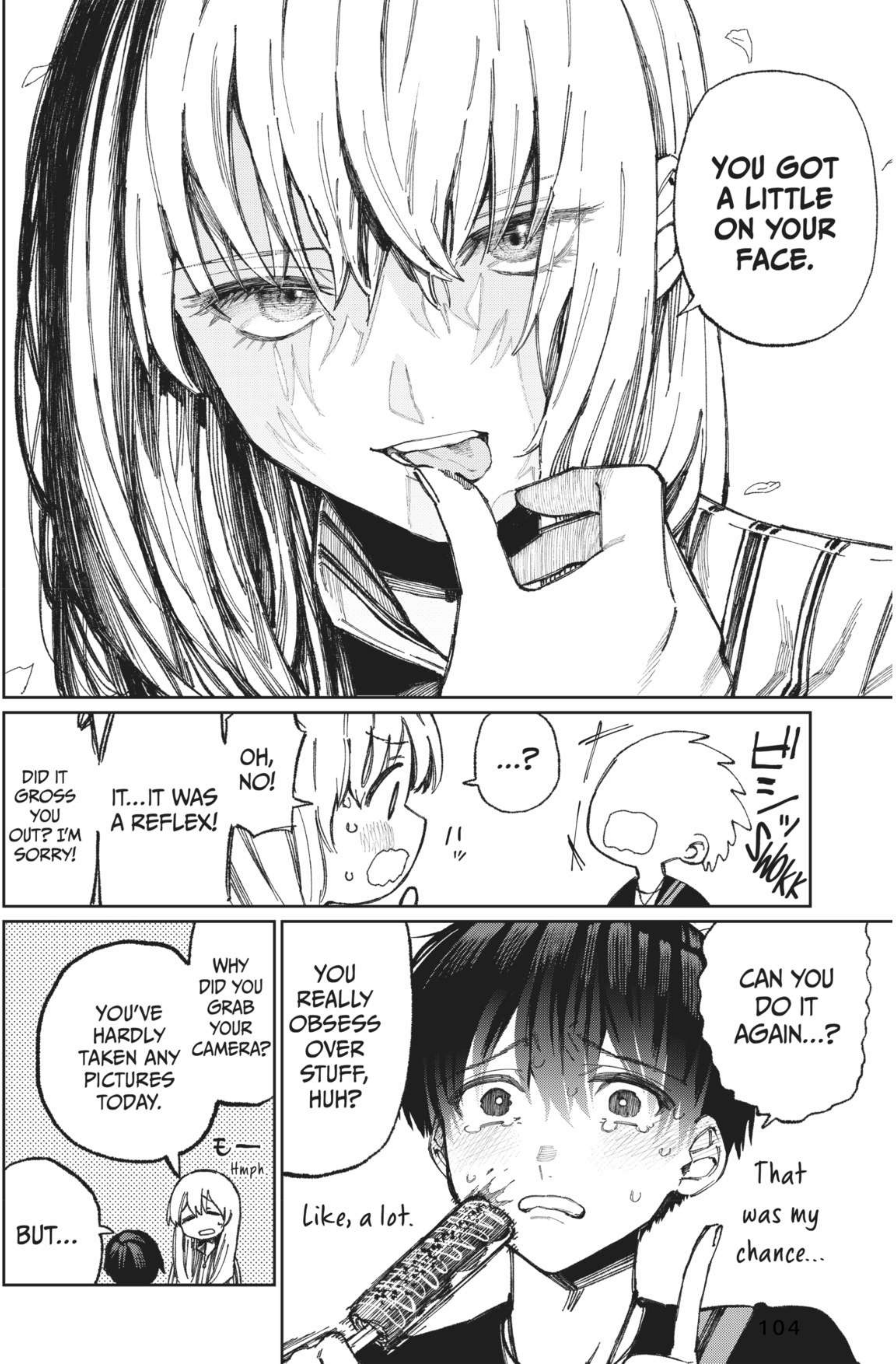

"To taste"?
What does that
even mean...?

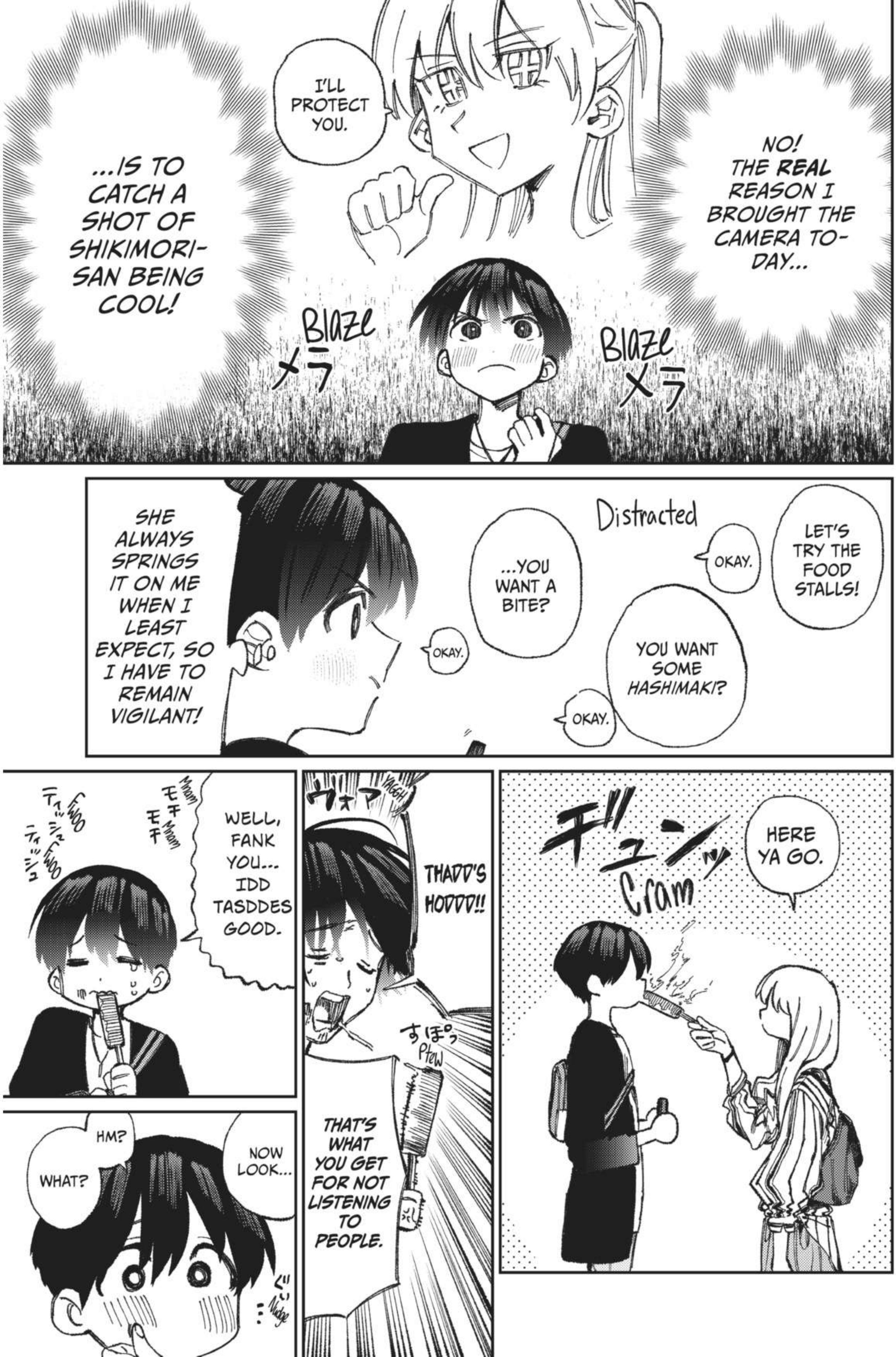

THE JUICE IS WHAT GOT HIM
GRMMBBLE...

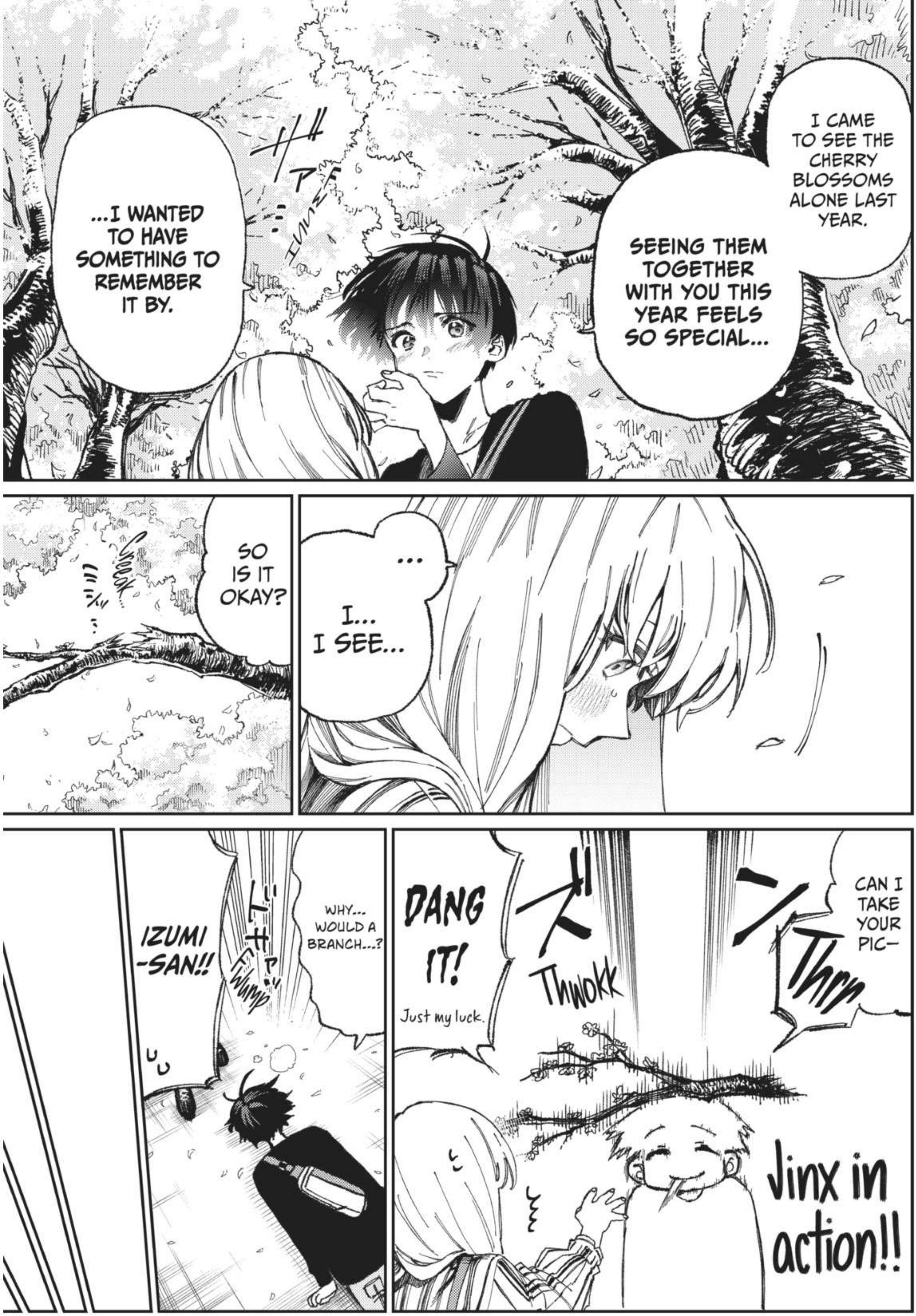

OH—
IZUMI-SAN...
MY GIRLFRIEND...
THERE WAS A PETAL IN YOUR HAIR.
THANKS, SHIKIMORI-SAN.
...IS A REAL CUTIE.

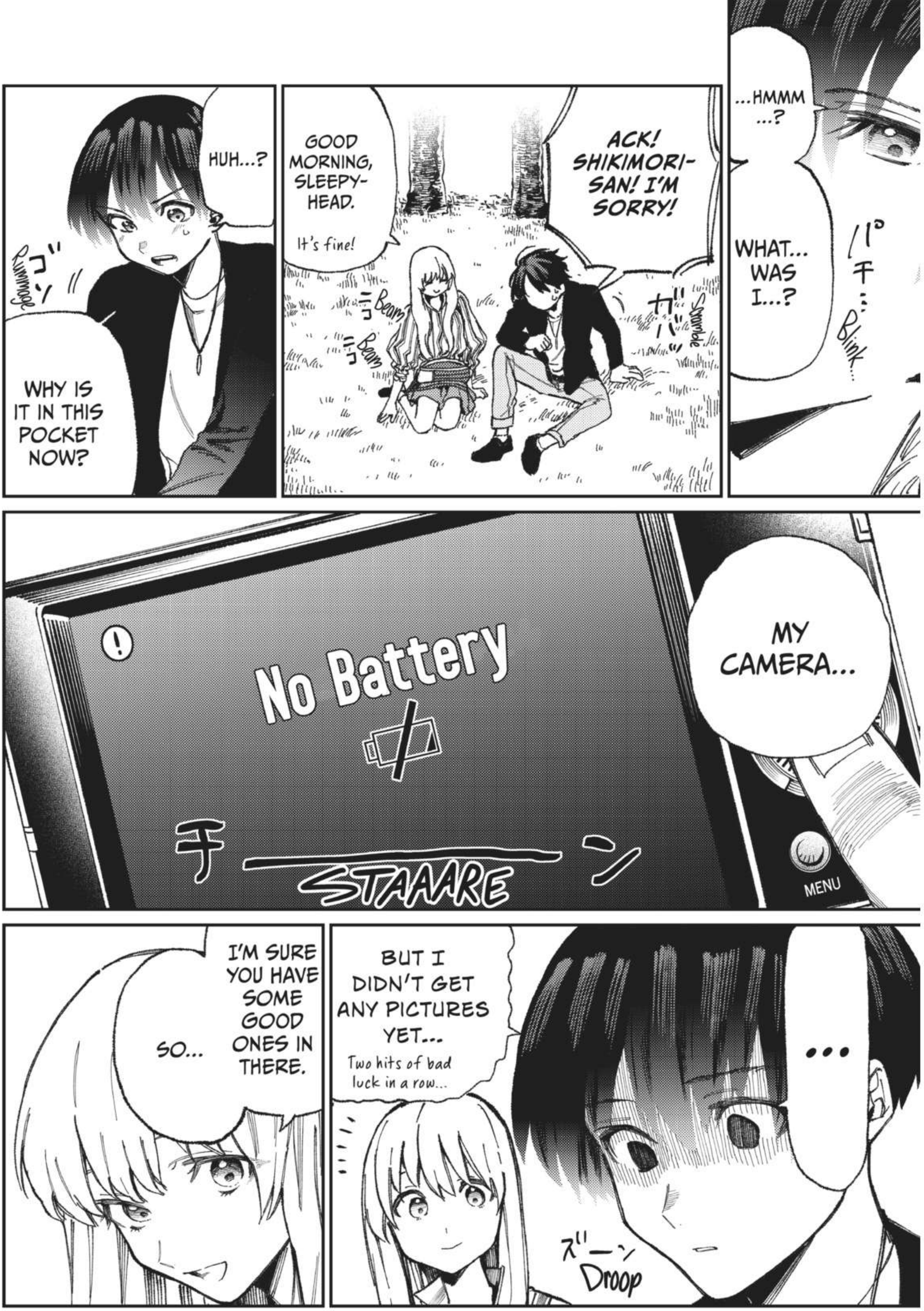
Chapter 13.5

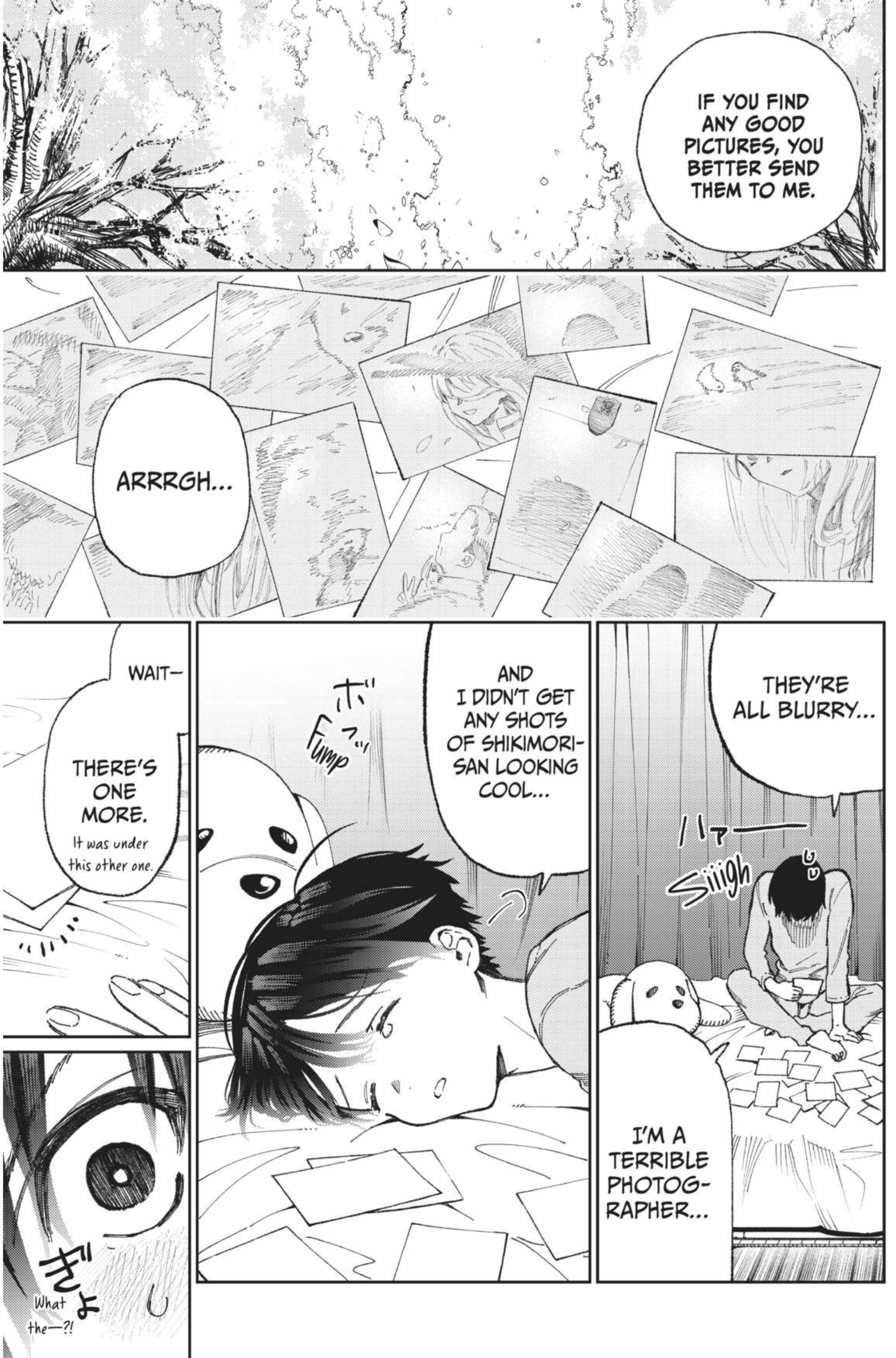

I'VE NEVER COME HERE TO LOOK AT THE FLOWERS BEFORE...
...BUT IT'S ACTUALLY REALLY NICE.
?
Fwsh
SHIKI-MORI-SAN, LOOK OVER HERE.
CHECK IT OUT!
I BROUGHT A CAMERA!
Ta-daaa!
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE NICE TO GET A PICTURE TOGETHER...
BUT...
I DON'T REALLY LIKE PICTURES. MY FACE ALWAYS LOOKS SO STIFF.
Mmm
BUT THAT'S ADORABLE, TOO!
IT'S FINE!
SANY
ALTHOUGH "CUTE" ISN'T THE TONE I'M GOING FOR TODAY...

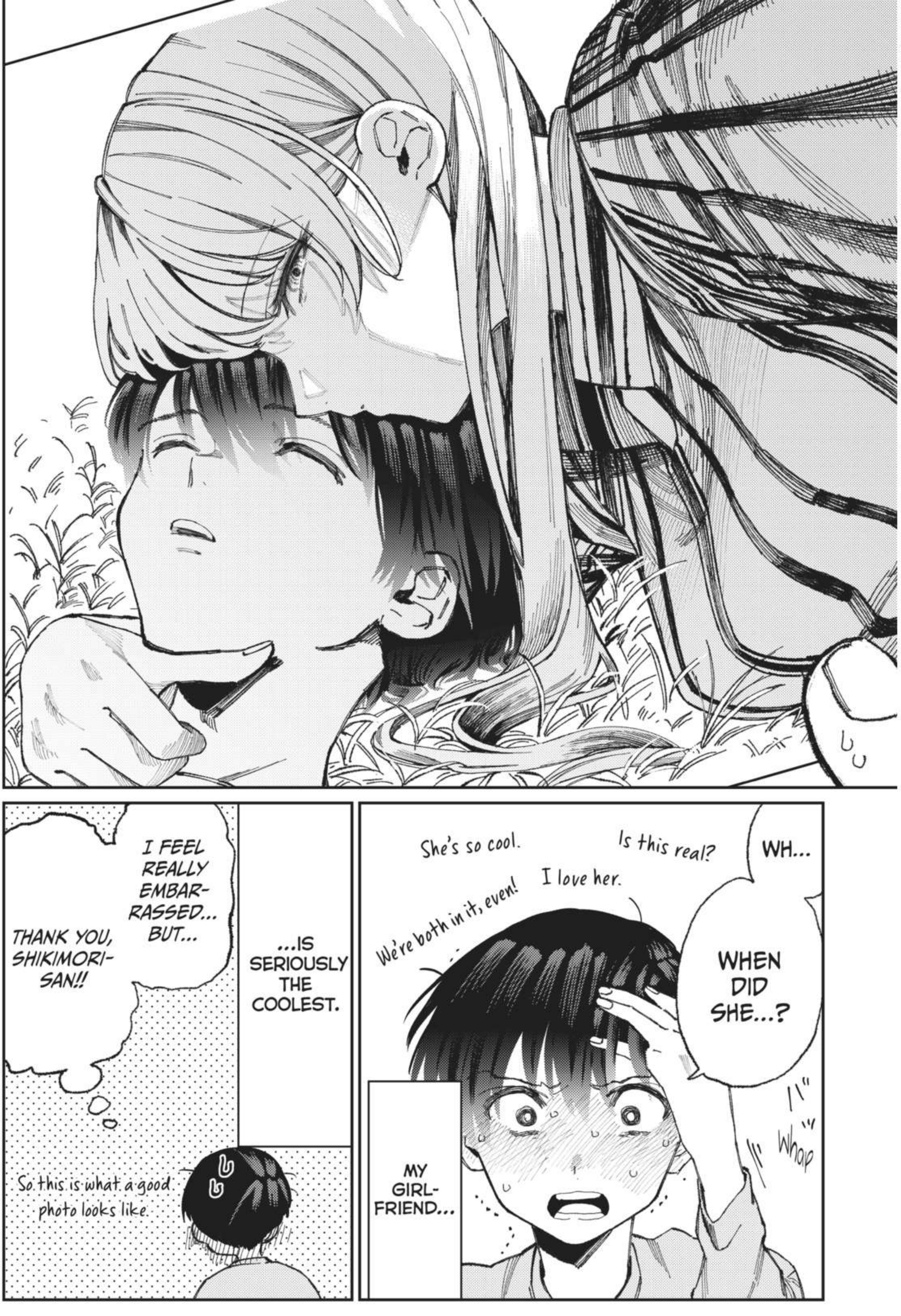

YOU GOT A LITTLE ON YOUR FACE.
ビシッ
SWOKK
...?
OH, NO!
IT...IT WAS A REFLEX!
DID IT GROSS YOU OUT? I'M SORRY!
CAN YOU DO IT AGAIN...?
That was my chance...
YOU REALLY OBSESS OVER STUFF, HUH?
Like, a lot.
WHY DID YOU GRAB YOUR CAMERA?
YOU'VE HARDLY TAKEN ANY PICTURES TODAY.
モー
Hmph
BUT...

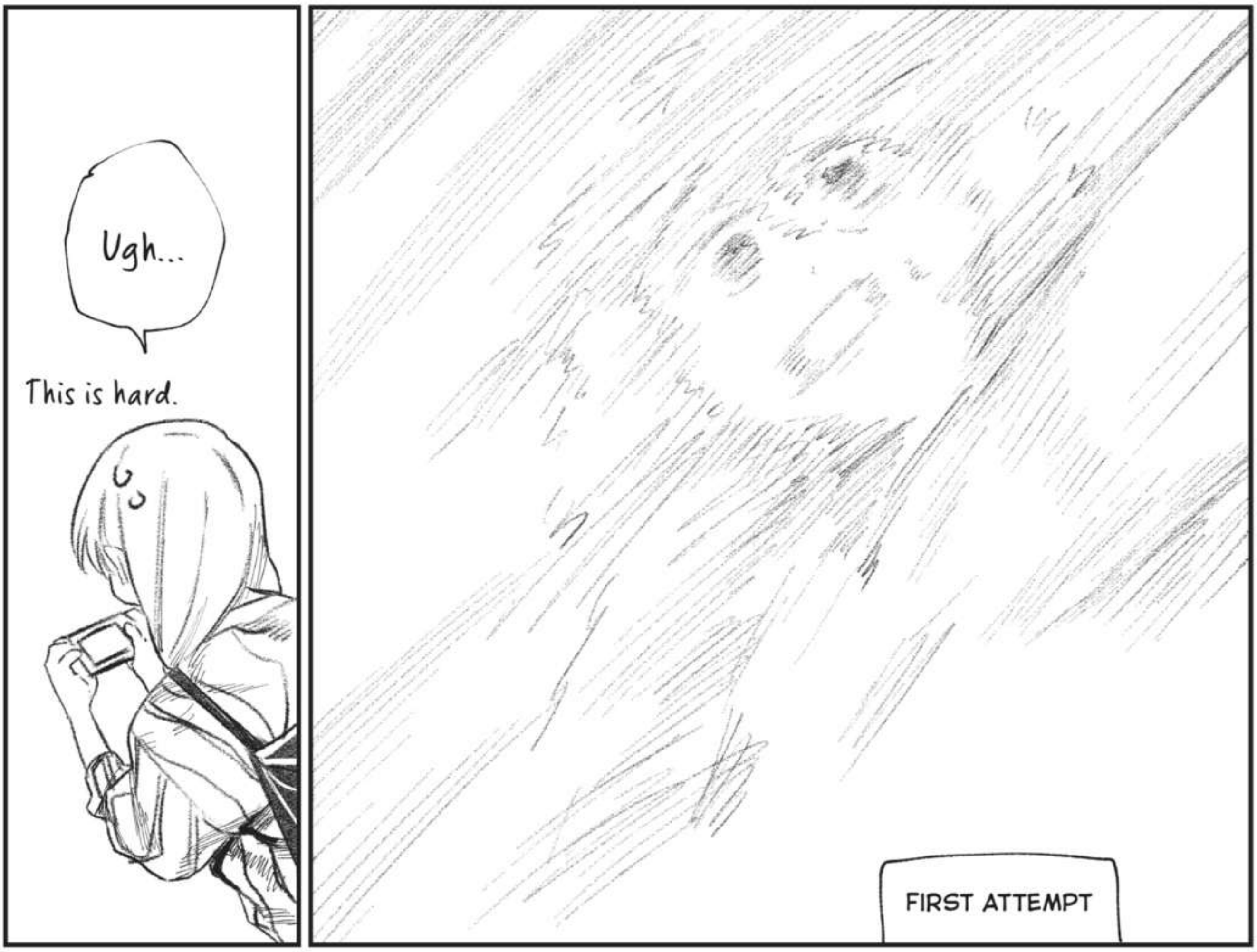

NO! THE REAL REASON I BROUGHT THE CAMERA TO-DAY...
I'LL PROTECT YOU.
...IS TO CATCH A SHOT OF SHIKIMORI-SAN BEING COOL!
メラ Blaze
メラ Blaze
LET'S TRY THE FOOD STALLS!
OKAY.
Distracted
YOU WANT SOME HASHIMAKI?
OKAY.
...YOU WANT A BITE?
OKAY.
SHE ALWAYS SPRINGS IT ON ME WHEN I LEAST EXPECT, SO I HAVE TO REMAIN VIGILANT!
HERE YA GO.
ギュンッ Cram
ウォア YAGGH
THADD'S HODDD!!
すぽっ Ptew
THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR NOT LISTENING TO PEOPLE.
モチ Mnom モチ Mnom
ティッシュ Fwoo ティッシュ Fwoo
WELL, FANK YOU... IDD TASDDES GOOD.
NOW LOOK...
HM?
WHAT?
ぐい Nudge

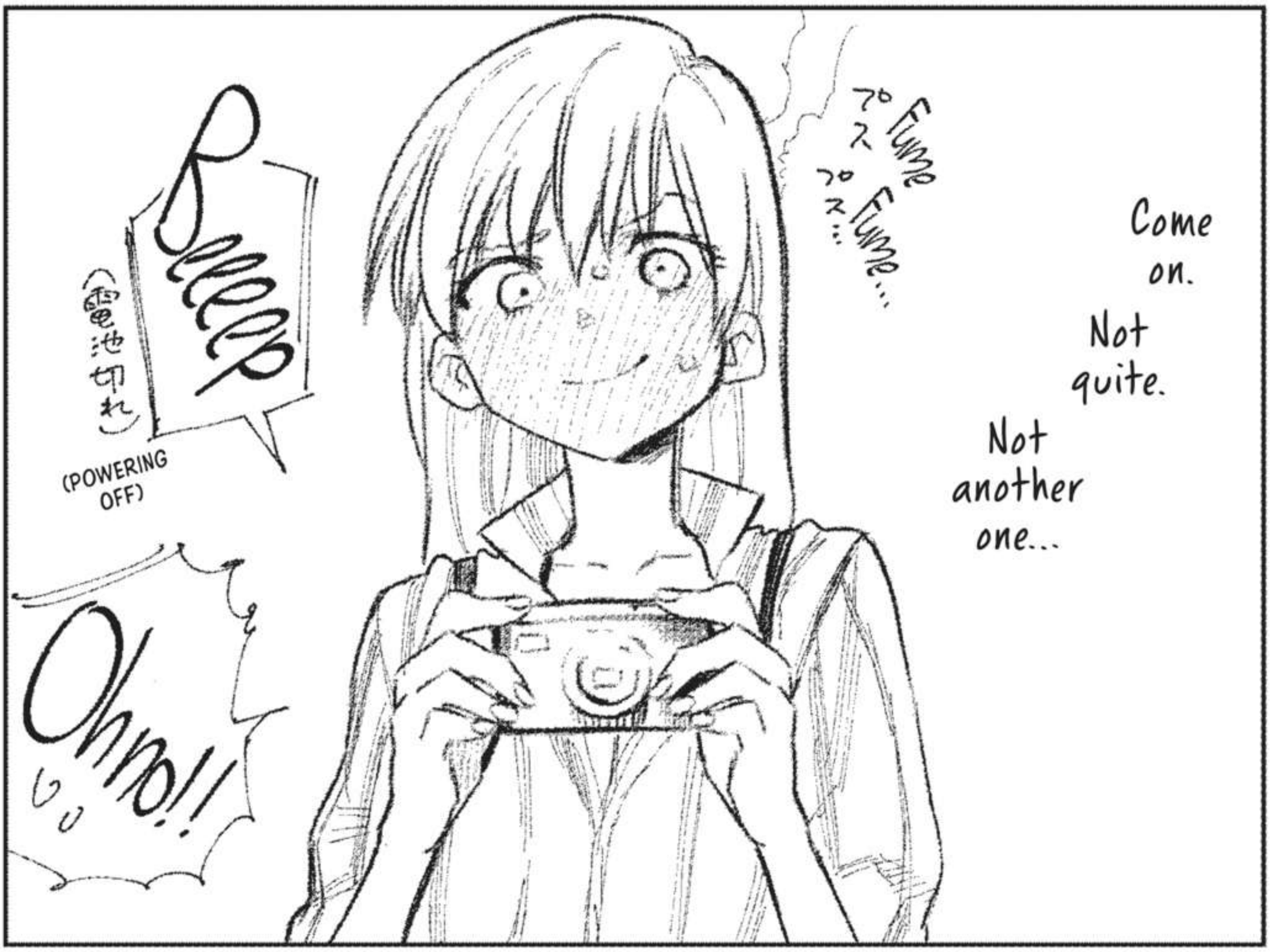

I CAME TO SEE THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS ALONE LAST YEAR.
SEEING THEM TOGETHER WITH YOU THIS YEAR FEELS SO SPECIAL...
...I WANTED TO HAVE SOMETHING TO REMEMBER IT BY.
...
I... I SEE...
SO IS IT OKAY?
Creeak...
CAN I TAKE YOUR PIC—
Thrrn
Thwokk
DANG IT!
Just my luck.
Jinx in action!!
WHY... WOULD A BRANCH...?
Fwump
IZUMI-SAN!!

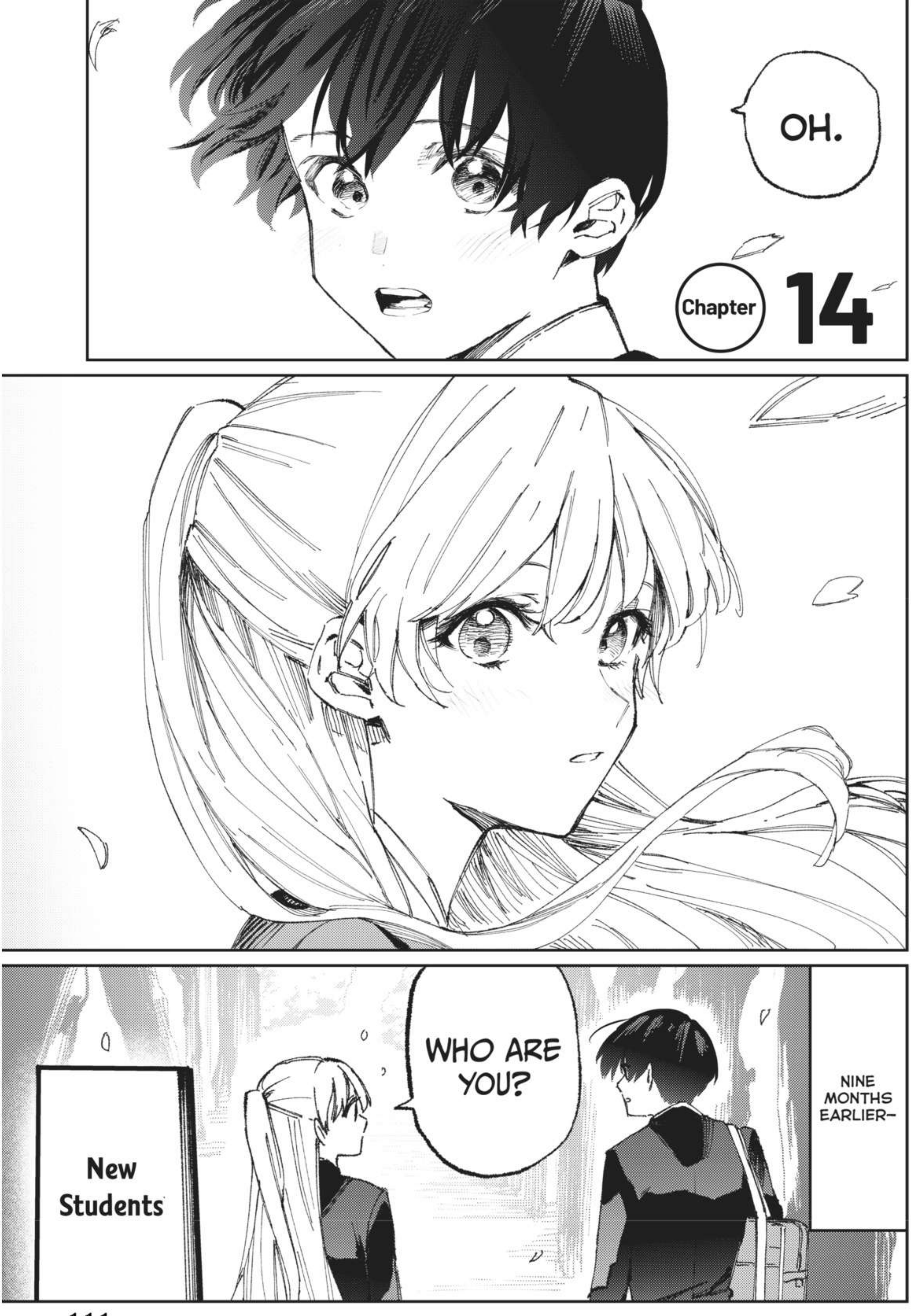

...HMMM ...?
WHAT... WAS I...?
パチ… Blink...
ACK! SHIKIMORI-SAN! I'M SORRY!
ガバッ Scramble
GOOD MORNING, SLEEPY-HEAD.
It's fine!
ニコ Beam
ニコ Beam
HUH...?
ゴソ Rummage
WHY IS IT IN THIS POCKET NOW?
MY CAMERA...
No Battery
MENU
チーーン STAAARE
...
BUT I DIDN'T GET ANY PICTURES YET...
Two hits of bad luck in a row...
ズーン Droop
I'M SURE YOU HAVE SOME GOOD ONES IN THERE.
SO...

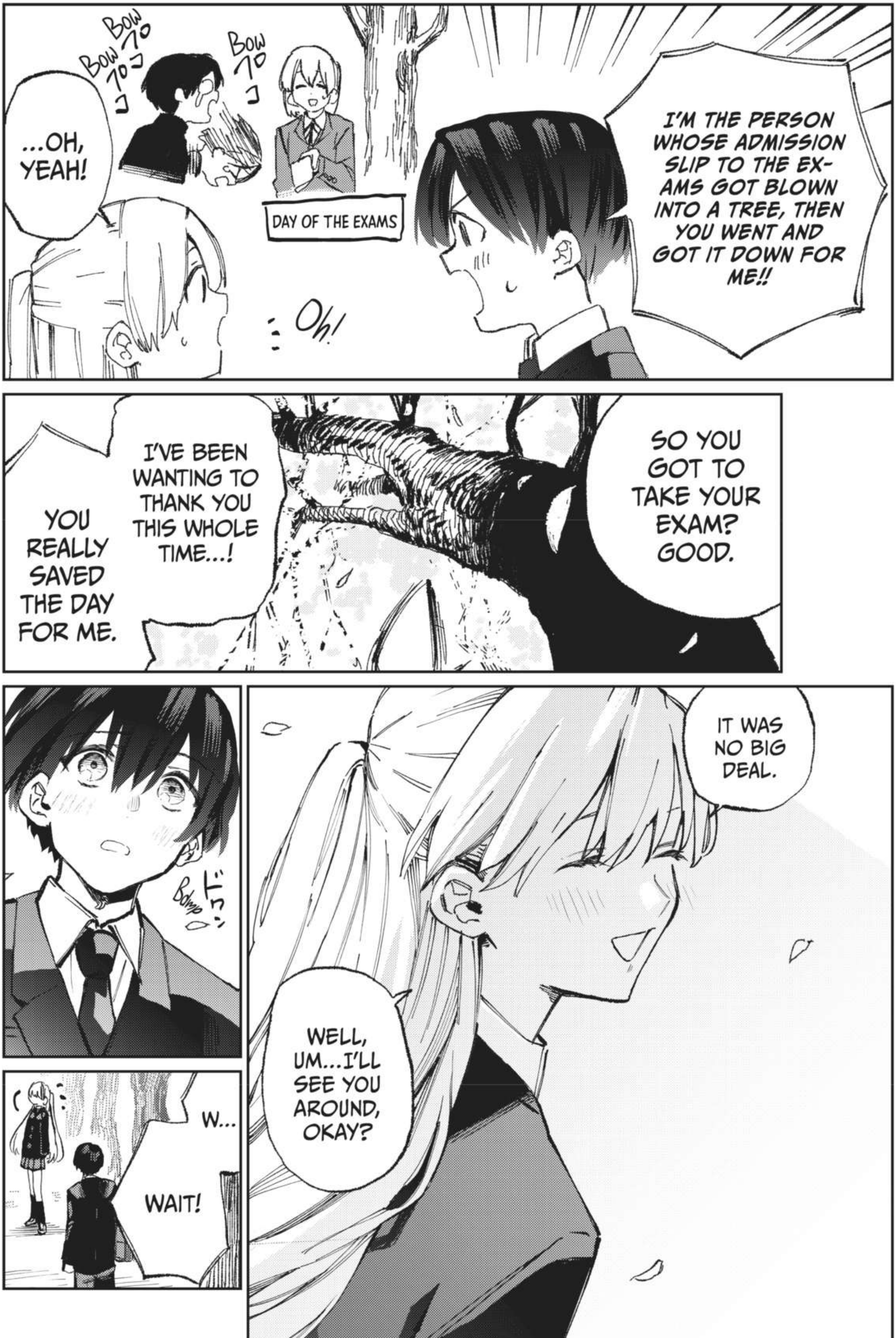

IF YOU FIND ANY GOOD PICTURES, YOU BETTER SEND THEM TO ME.
ARRRGH...
THEY'RE ALL BLURRY...
ハァー
Siiigh
I'M A TERRIBLE PHOTOGRAPHER...
AND I DIDN'T GET ANY SHOTS OF SHIKIMORI-SAN LOOKING COOL...
ボフッ
Fump
WAIT—
THERE'S ONE MORE.
It was under this other one.
ぎょ
What the—?!

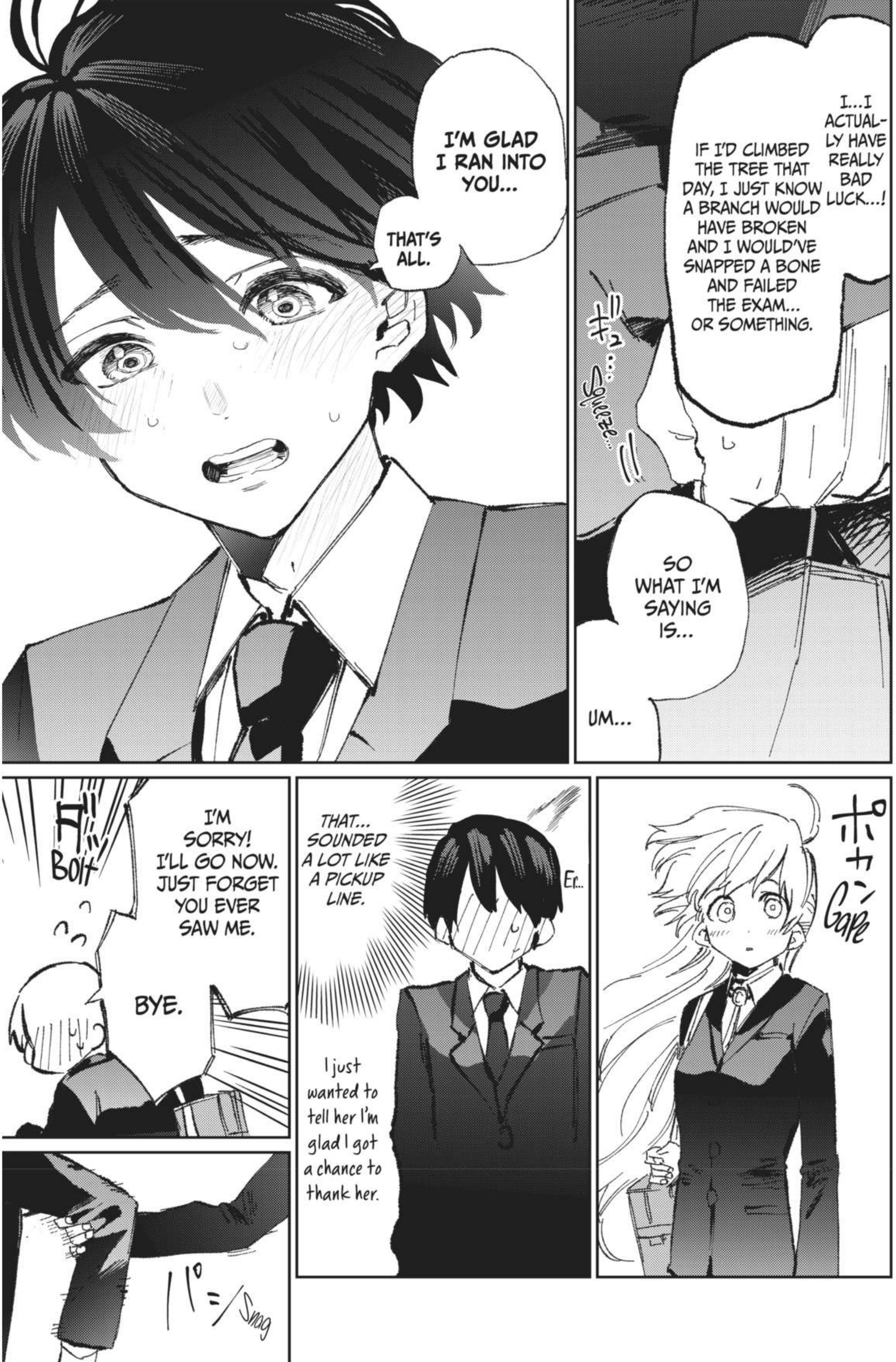

WH...
WHEN DID SHE...?
Is this real?
I love her.
She's so cool.
We're both in it, even!
MY GIRLFRIEND...
バ
Whap
...IS SERIOUSLY THE COOLEST.
I FEEL REALLY EMBARRASSED... BUT...
THANK YOU, SHIKIMORI-SAN!!
So this is what a good photo looks like.

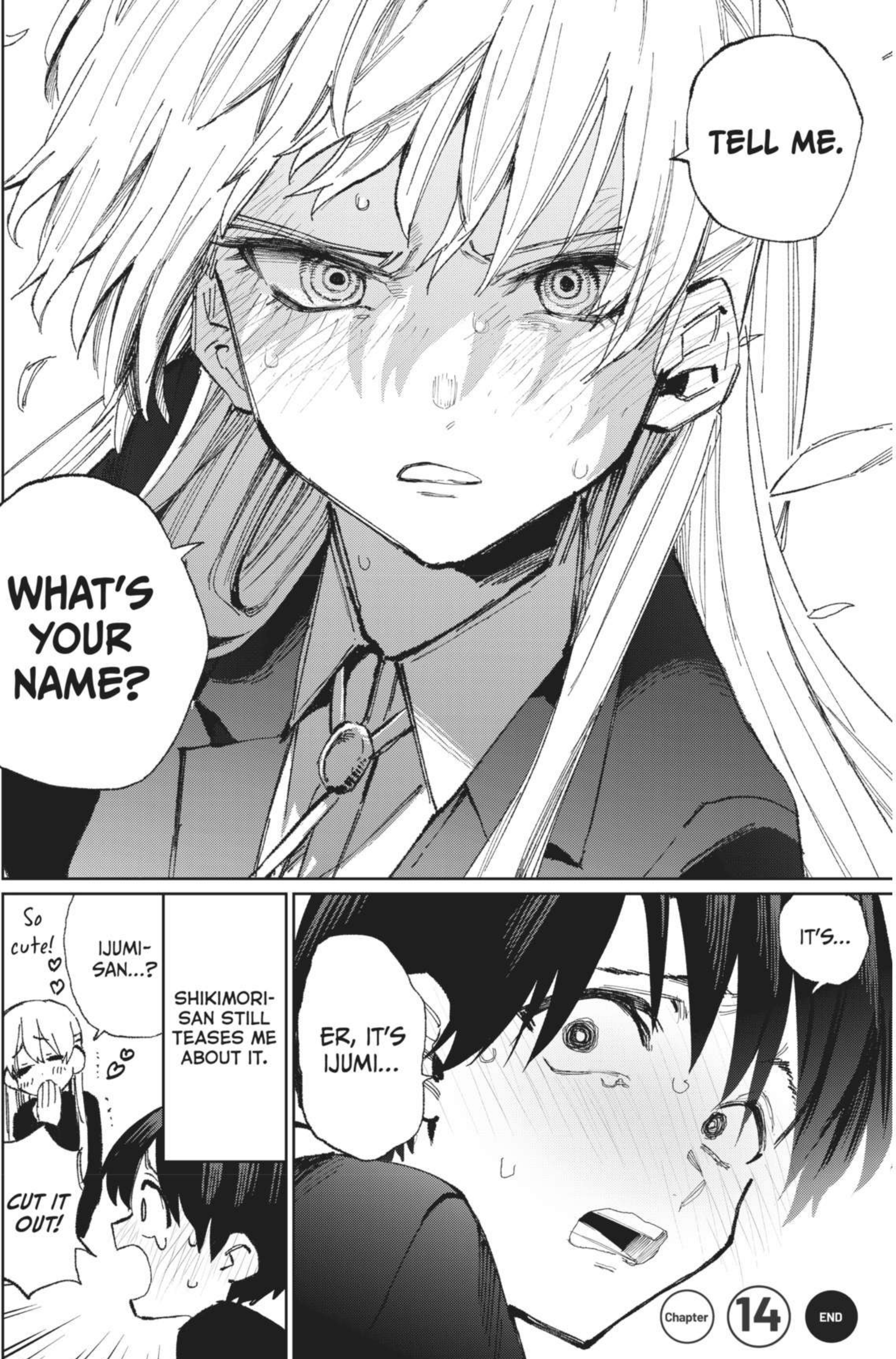

FIRST ATTEMPT
Ugh...
This is hard.


Come on.
Not quite.
Not another one...
Fume Fume...
プスプス…
Bweep
(電池切れ)
(POWERING OFF)
Ohno!!

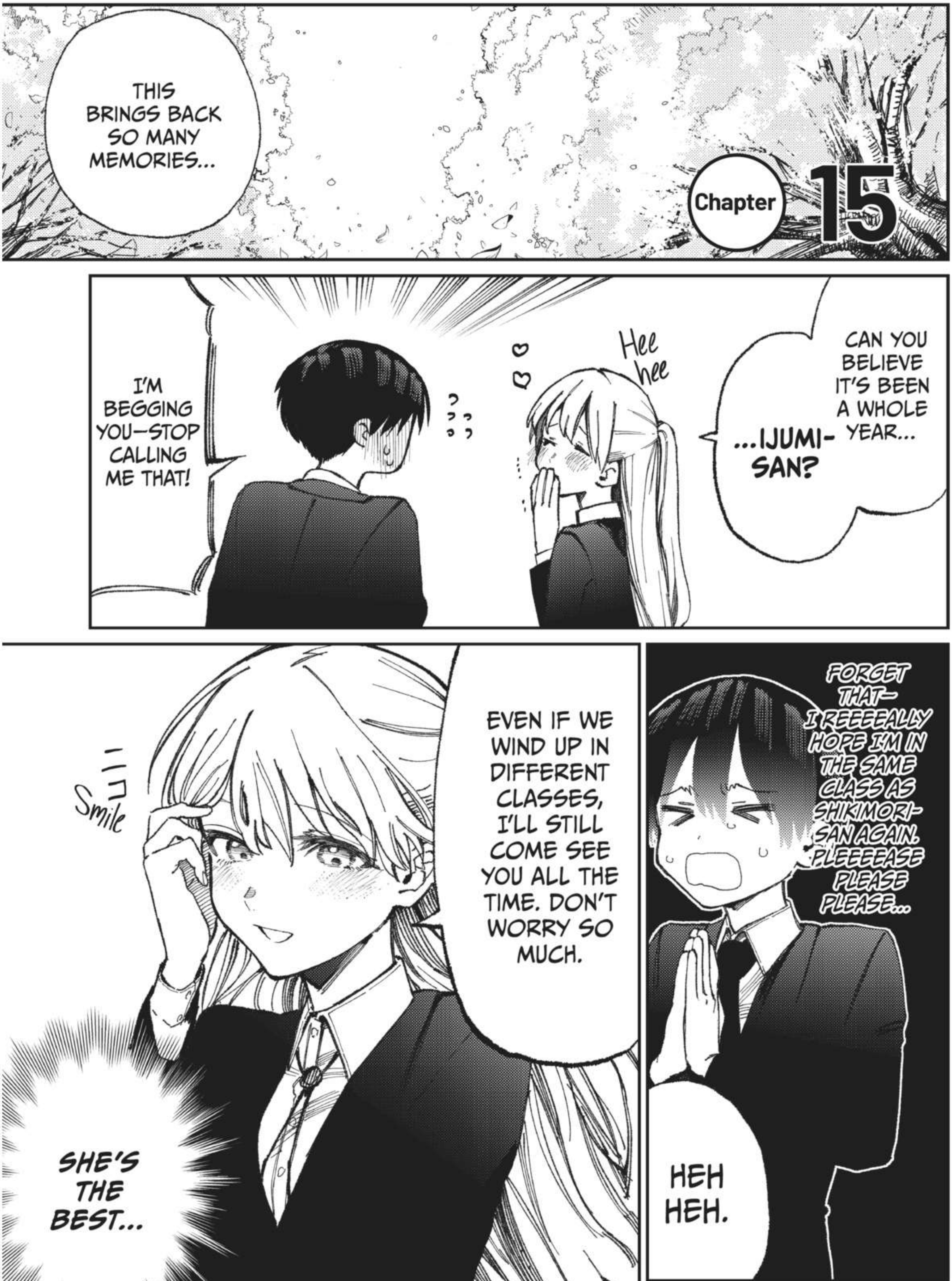

OH.
Chapter 14
NINE MONTHS EARLIER–
WHO ARE YOU?
New Students

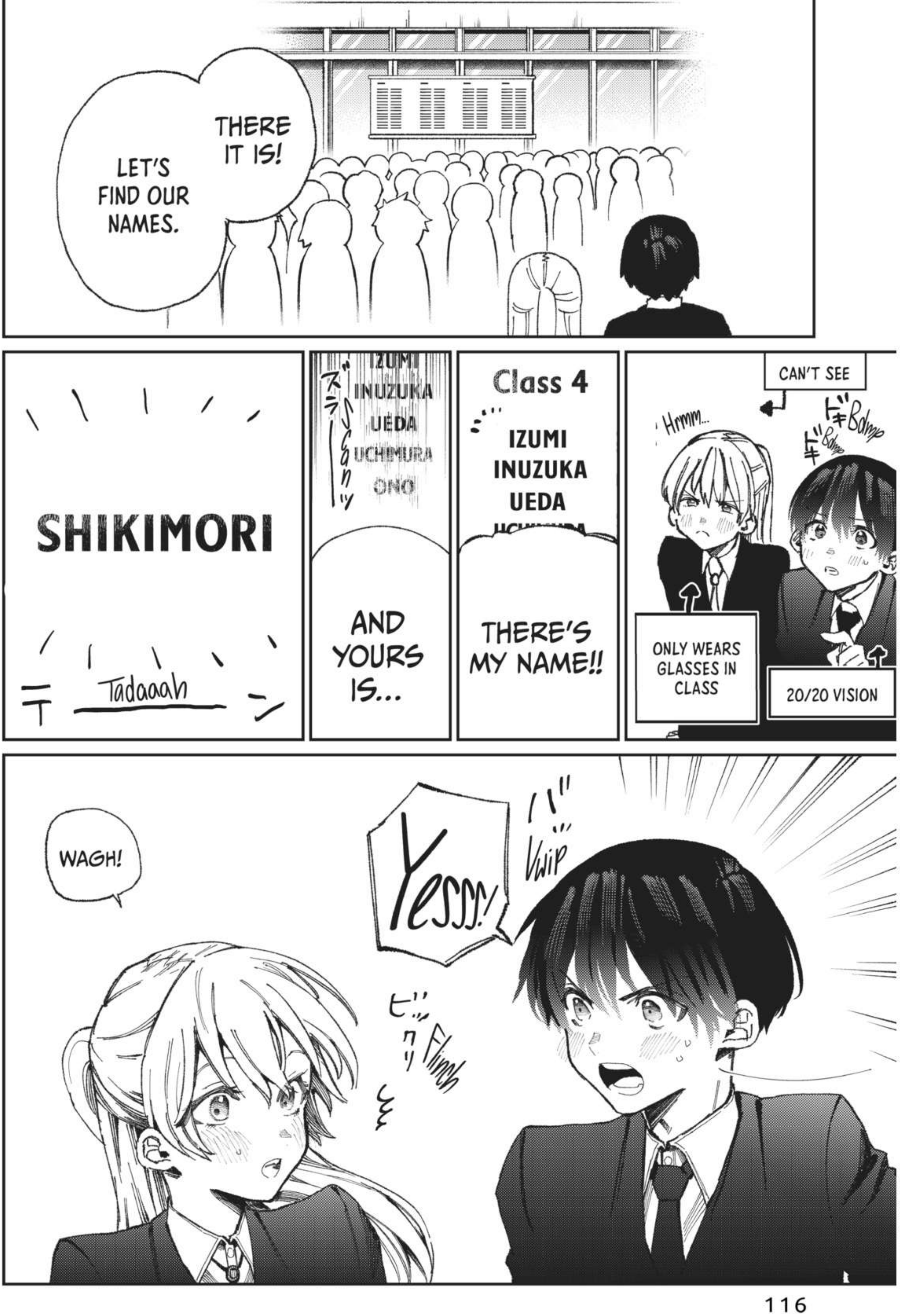

I'M THE PERSON WHOSE ADMISSION SLIP TO THE EXAMS GOT BLOWN INTO A TREE, THEN YOU WENT AND GOT IT DOWN FOR ME!!
Oh!
DAY OF THE EXAMS
Bow
Bow
Bow
...OH, YEAH!
SO YOU GOT TO TAKE YOUR EXAM? GOOD.
I'VE BEEN WANTING TO THANK YOU THIS WHOLE TIME...!
YOU REALLY SAVED THE DAY FOR ME.
IT WAS NO BIG DEAL.
WELL, UM...I'LL SEE YOU AROUND, OKAY?
Bdmp
W...
WAIT!

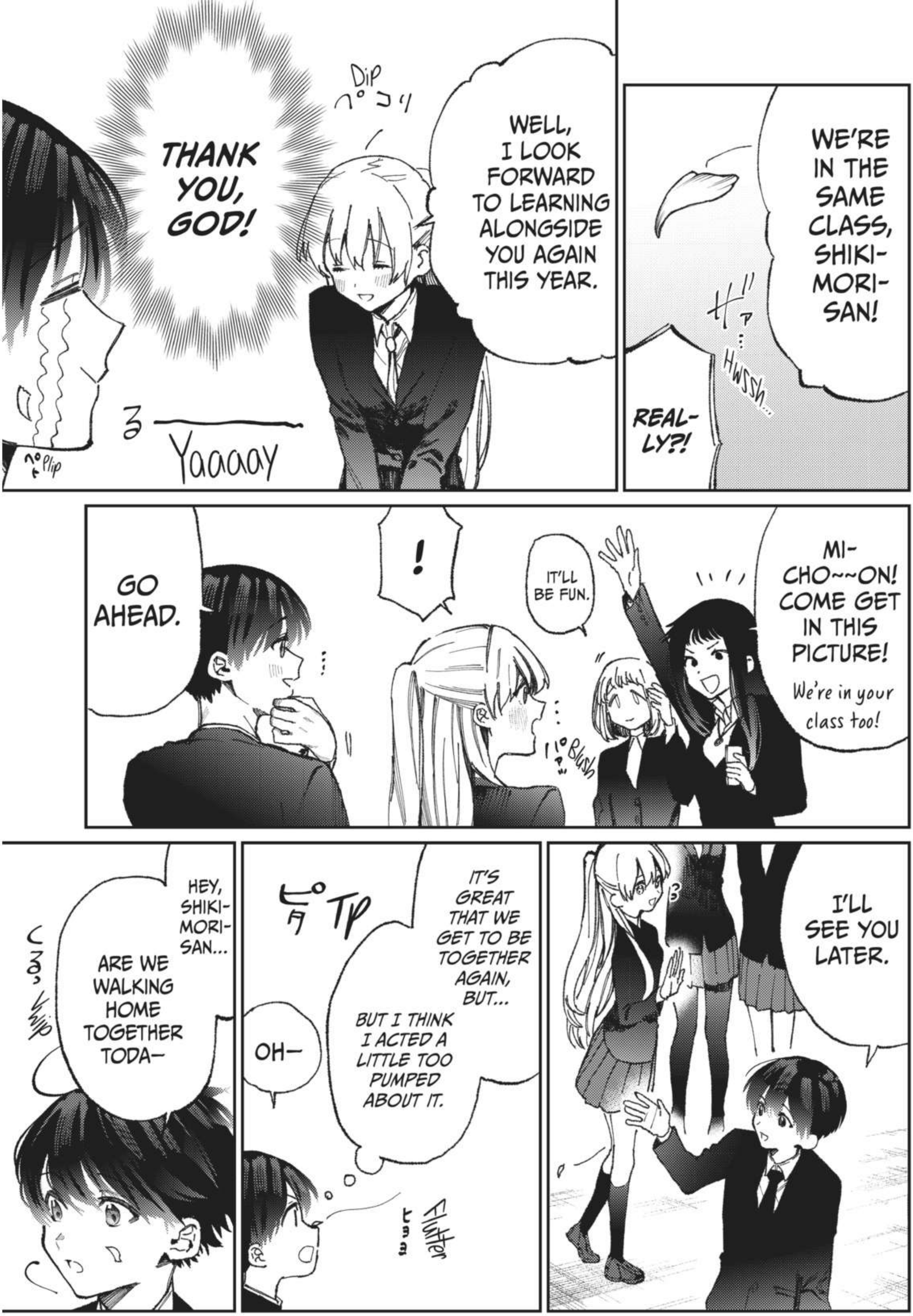

I...I ACTUALLY HAVE REALLY BAD LUCK...!
IF I'D CLIMBED THE TREE THAT DAY, I JUST KNOW A BRANCH WOULD HAVE BROKEN AND I WOULD'VE SNAPPED A BONE AND FAILED THE EXAM... OR SOMETHING.
ギュ… Squeeze...
SO WHAT I'M SAYING IS...
UM...
I'M GLAD I RAN INTO YOU...
THAT'S ALL.
ポカン Gape
THAT... SOUNDED A LOT LIKE A PICKUP LINE.
Er...
I just wanted to tell her I'm glad I got a chance to thank her.
ダッ Bolt
I'M SORRY! I'LL GO NOW. JUST FORGET YOU EVER SAW ME.
BYE.
パ Snag

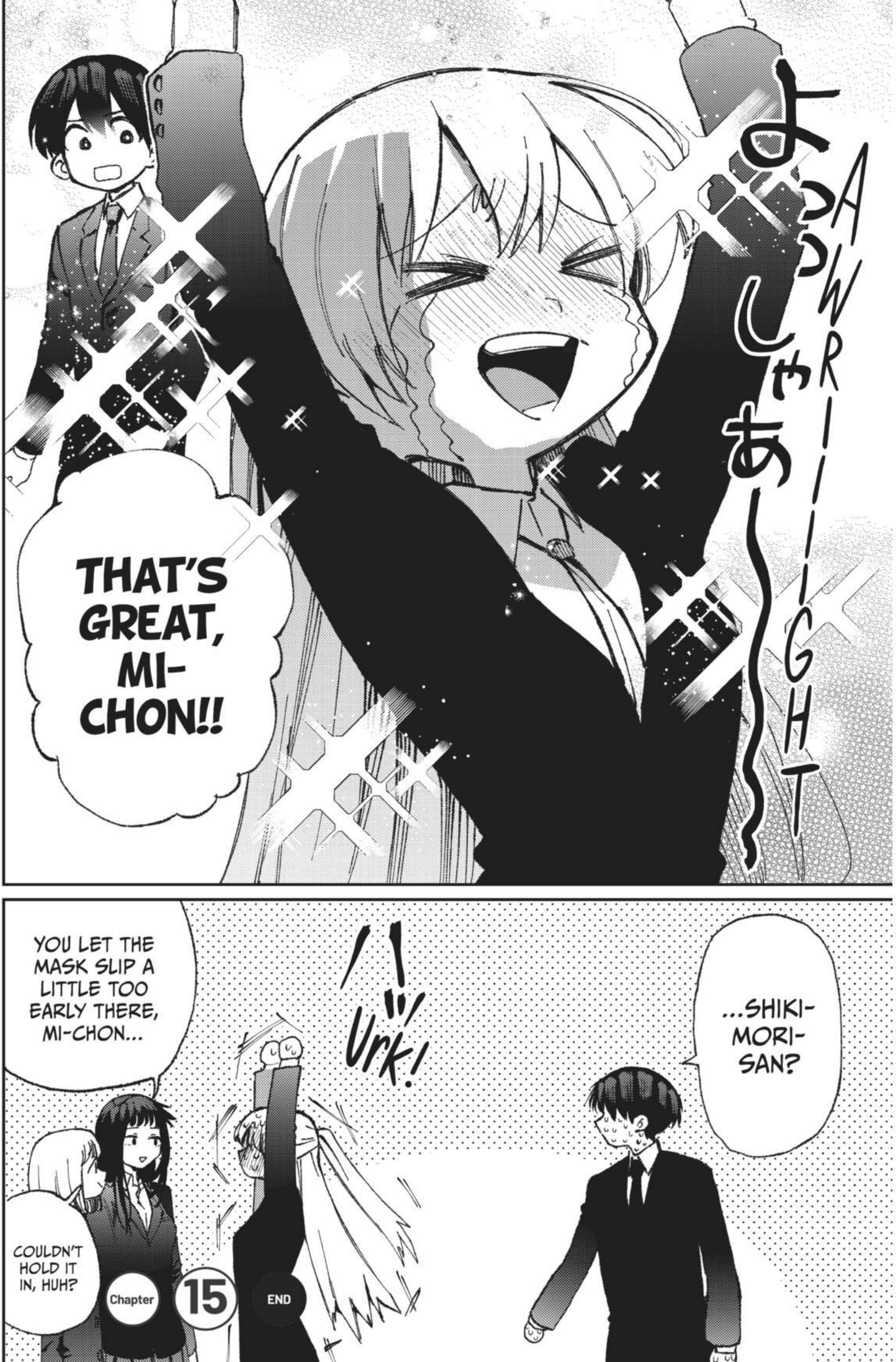

TELL ME.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
IT'S...
ER, IT'S IJUMI...
SHIKIMORI-SAN STILL TEASES ME ABOUT IT.
IJUMI-SAN...?
So cute!
CUT IT OUT!
Chapter 14 END

Chapter 15


THIS BRINGS BACK SO MANY MEMORIES...
Chapter 15
CAN YOU BELIEVE IT'S BEEN A WHOLE YEAR...
...IJUMI-SAN?
Hee hee
I'M BEGGING YOU—STOP CALLING ME THAT!
FORGET THAT— I REEEEEALLY HOPE I'M IN THE SAME CLASS AS SHIKIMORI-SAN AGAIN. PLEEEEEASE PLEASE PLEASE...
HEH HEH.
EVEN IF WE WIND UP IN DIFFERENT CLASSES, I'LL STILL COME SEE YOU ALL THE TIME. DON'T WORRY SO MUCH.
ニコ
Smile
SHE'S THE BEST...

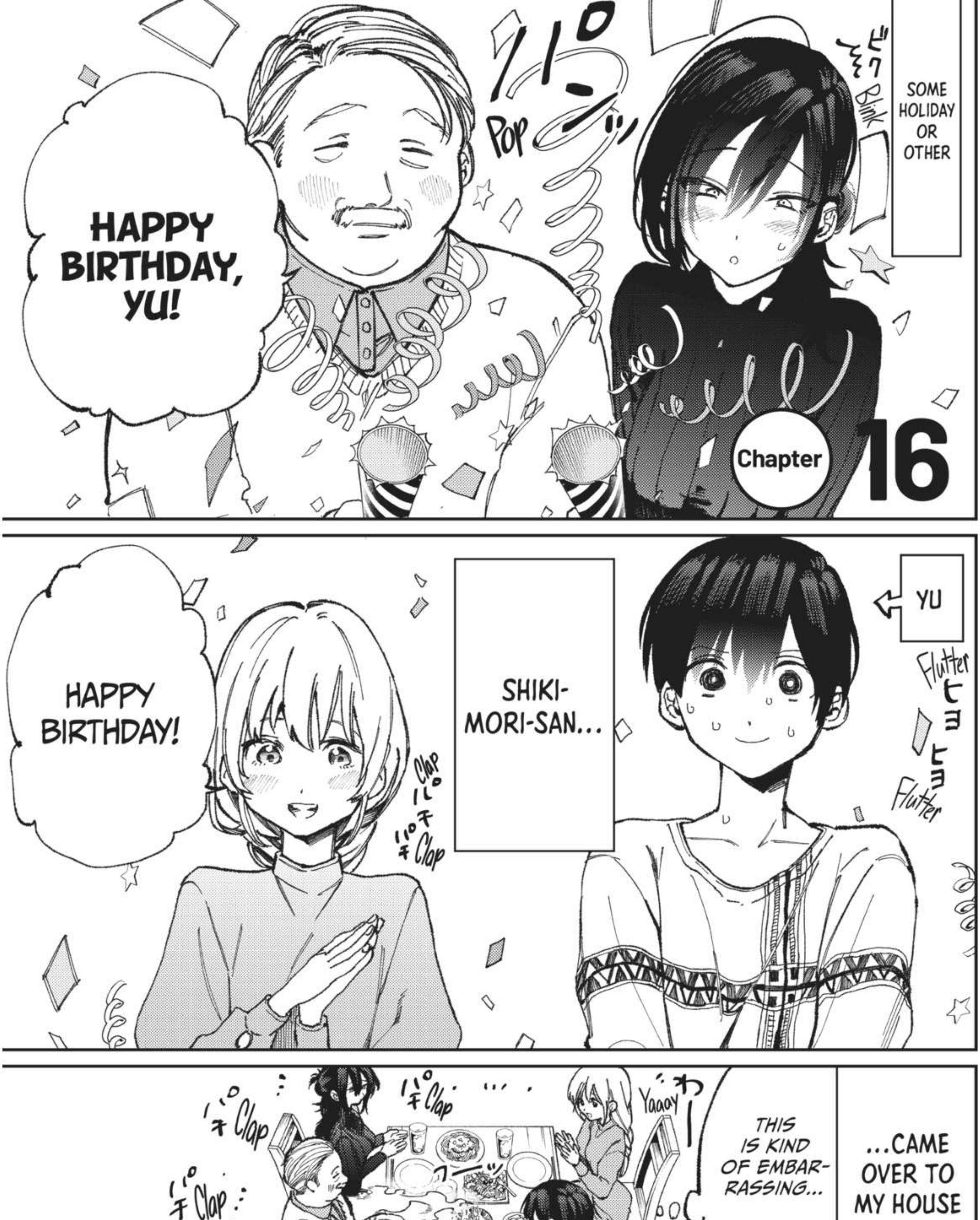

THERE IT IS!
LET'S FIND OUR NAMES.
CAN'T SEE
Hrmm...
ドキ Bdmp
ドキ Bdmp
ONLY WEARS GLASSES IN CLASS
20/20 VISION
Class 4
IZUMI
INUZUKA
UEDA
THERE'S MY NAME!!
IZUMI
INUZUKA
UEDA
UCHIMURA
ONO
ズラーッ Scan
AND YOURS IS...
SHIKIMORI
テーン Tadaaah
Yesss!
バッ Vwip
ビクッ Flinch
WAGH!

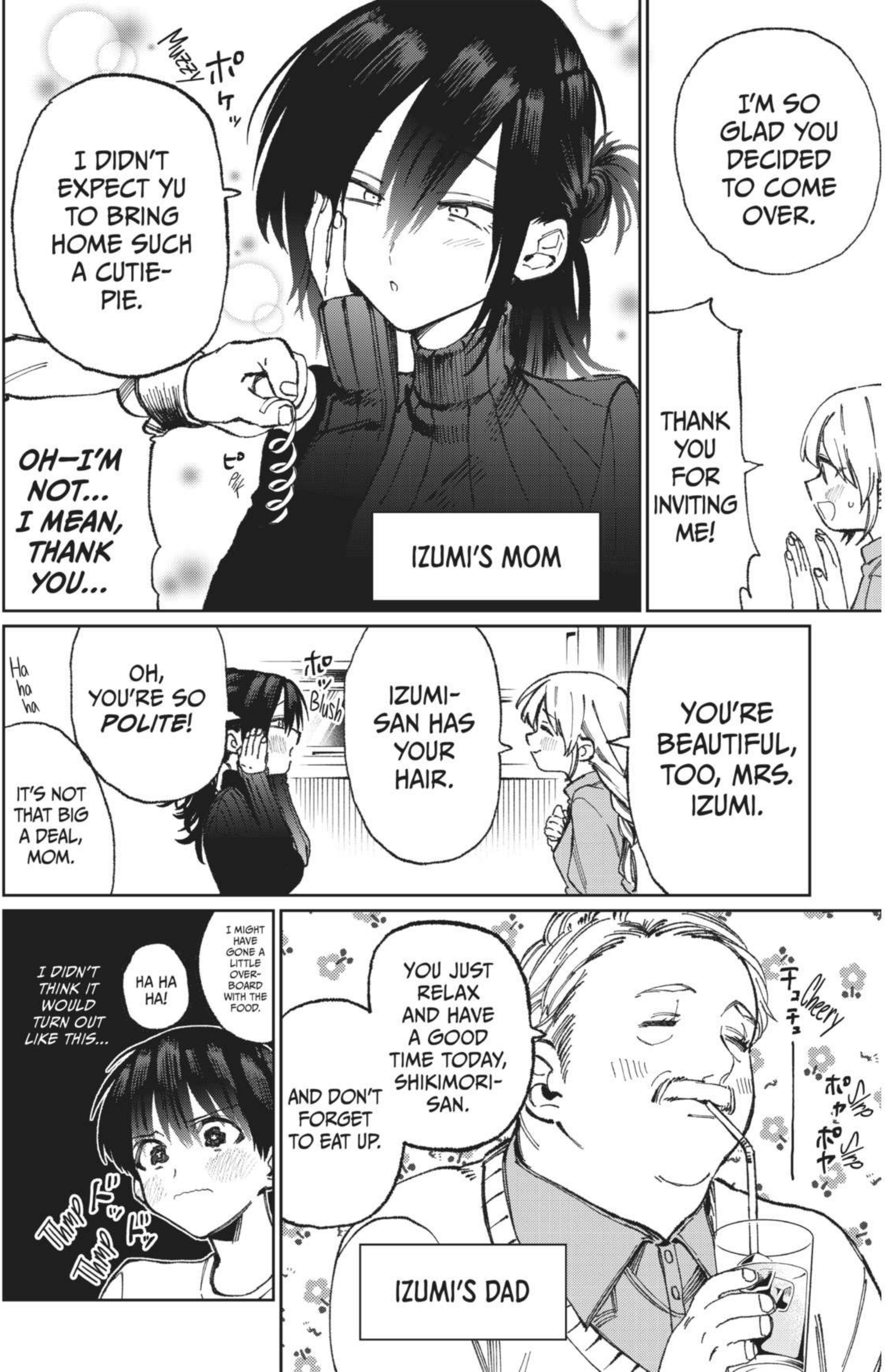
WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS, SHIKIMORI-SAN!
ザァ… Hwssh…
REALLY?!
ペコリ Dip
WELL, I LOOK FORWARD TO LEARNING ALONGSIDE YOU AGAIN THIS YEAR.
THANK YOU, GOD!
Yaaaay
Plip
MI-CHO~~ON! COME GET IN THIS PICTURE!
We're in your class too!
IT'LL BE FUN.
!
Blush
GO AHEAD.
I'LL SEE YOU LATER.
ピタ Tip
IT'S GREAT THAT WE GET TO BE TOGETHER AGAIN, BUT...
BUT I THINK I ACTED A LITTLE TOO PUMPED ABOUT IT.
OH—
Flutter
HEY, SHIKIMORI-SAN...
ARE WE WALKING HOME TOGETHER TODA—
Vwip

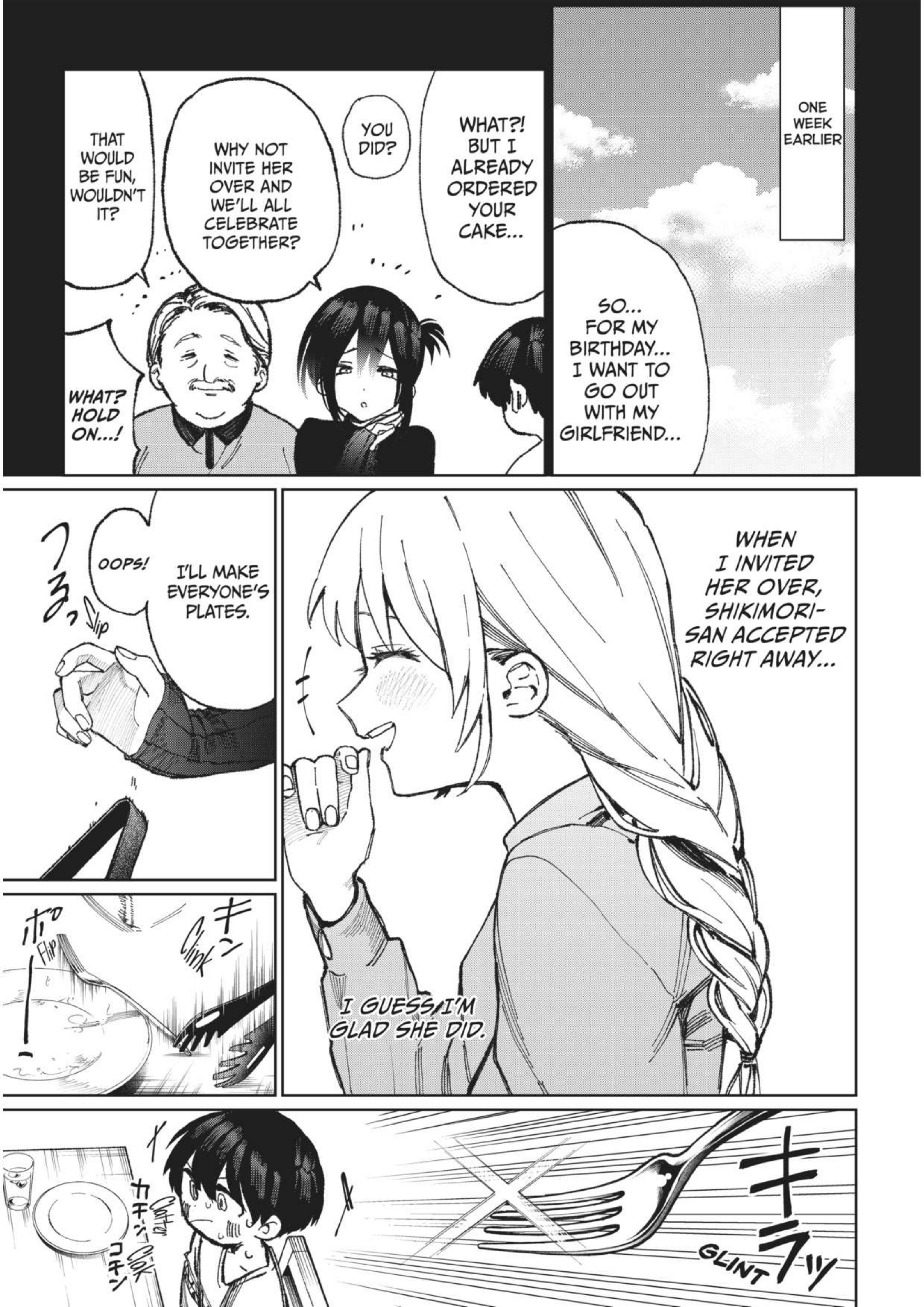

よっしゃあ～
AWRIIIIGHT
THAT'S GREAT, MI-CHON!!
...SHIKI-MORI-SAN?
Urk!
YOU LET THE MASK SLIP A LITTLE TOO EARLY THERE, MI-CHON...
COULDN'T HOLD IT IN, HUH?

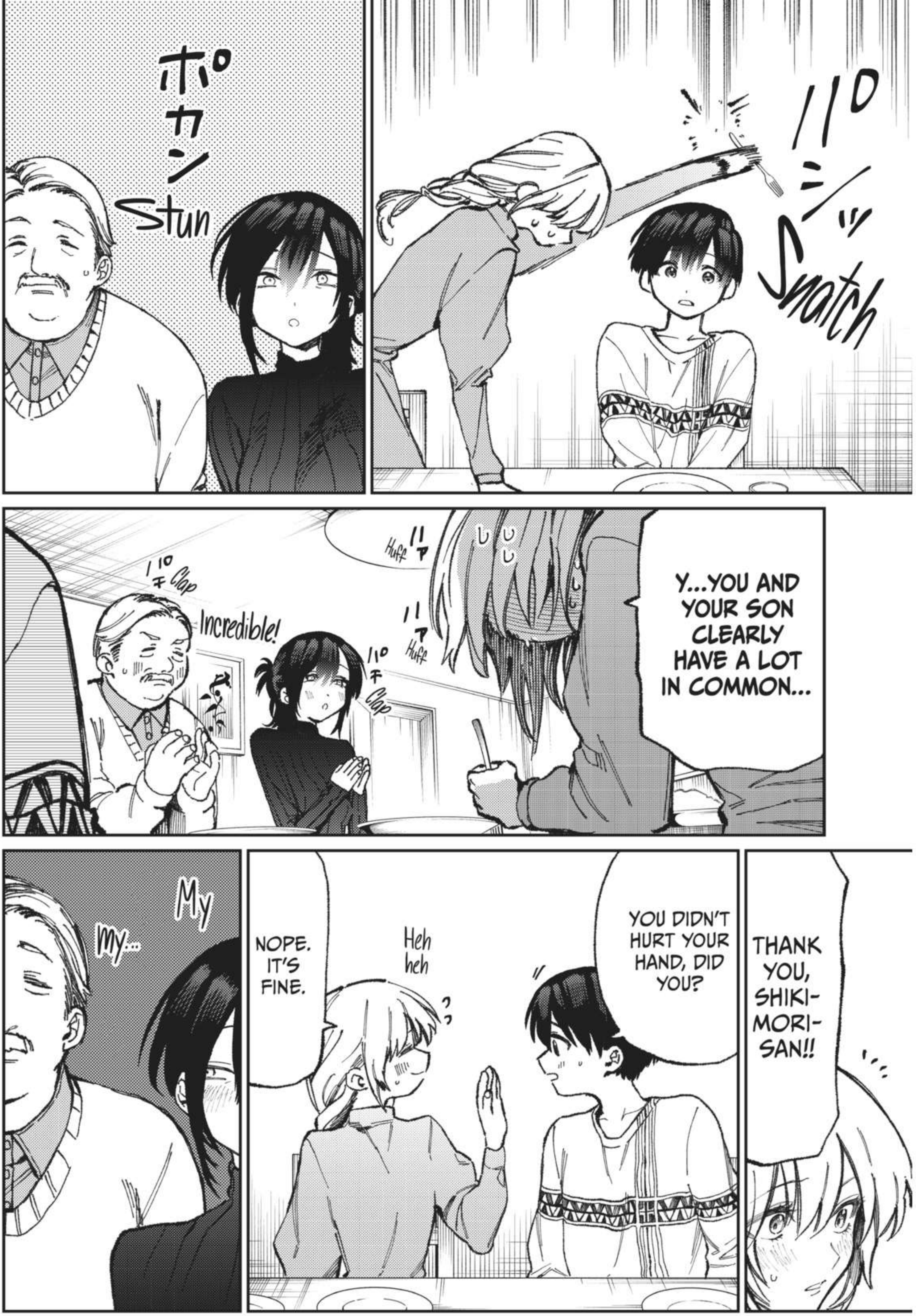
Chapter 15 END

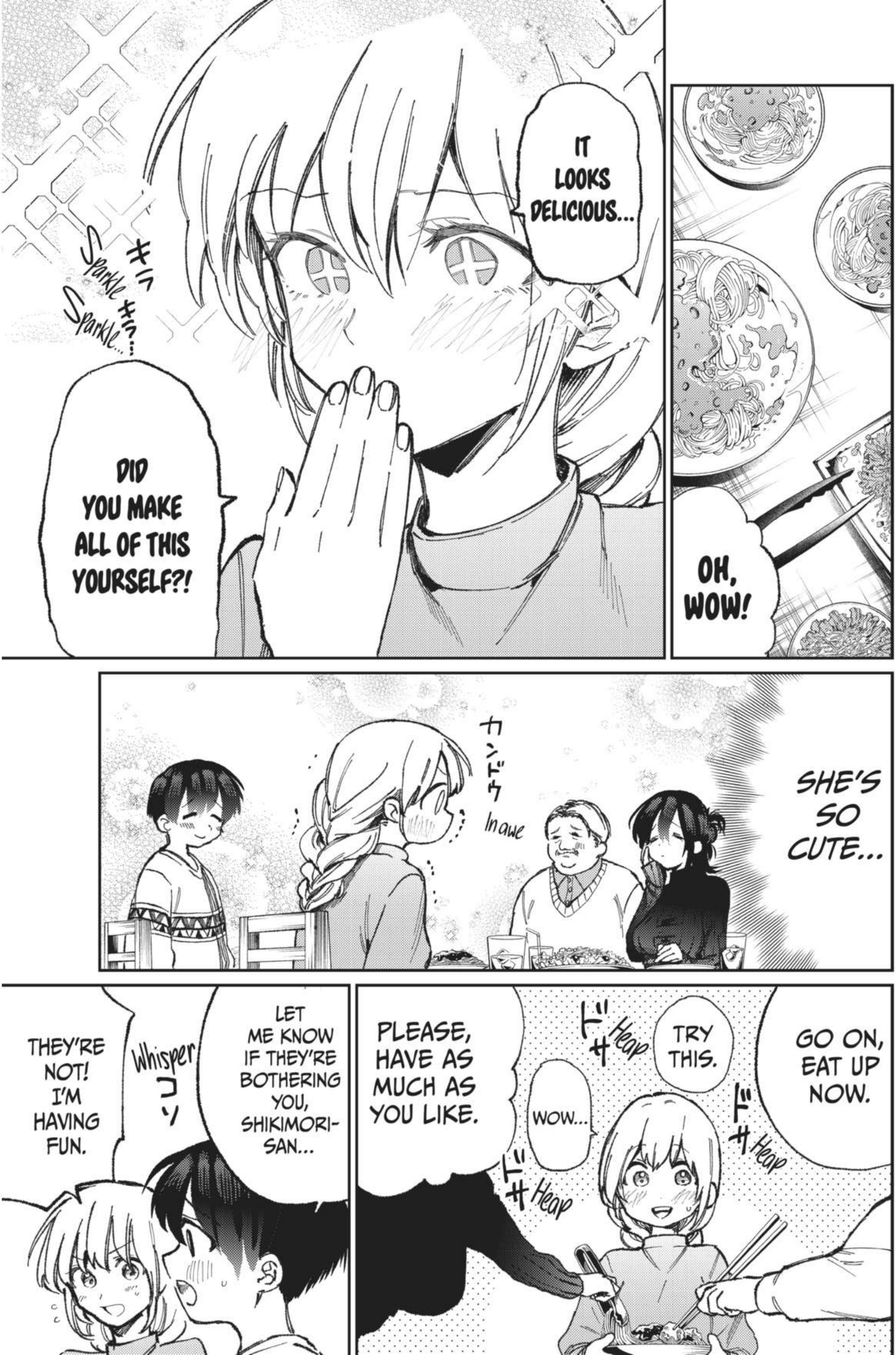
Chapter 16

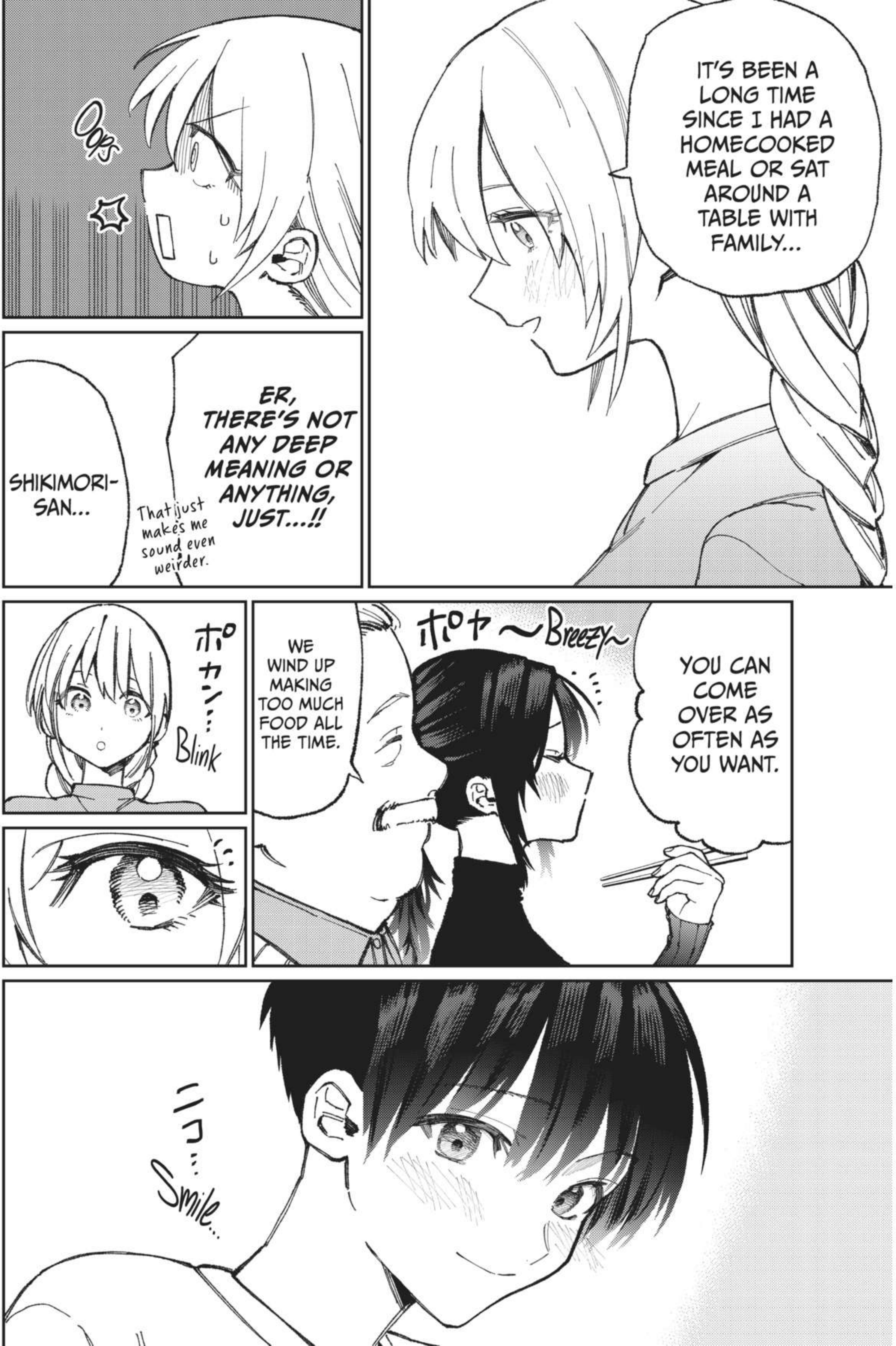

SOME HOLIDAY OR OTHER
ビクッ Blink
パーンッ Pop
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, YU!
YU
Flutter ヒョ
ヒョ Flutter
SHIKI-MORI-SAN...
Clap パチ
パチ Clap
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
...CAME OVER TO MY HOUSE TODAY.
わー Yaaay
THIS IS KIND OF EMBARRASSING...
パチ Clap
フーッ
パチ Clap
パチ Clap

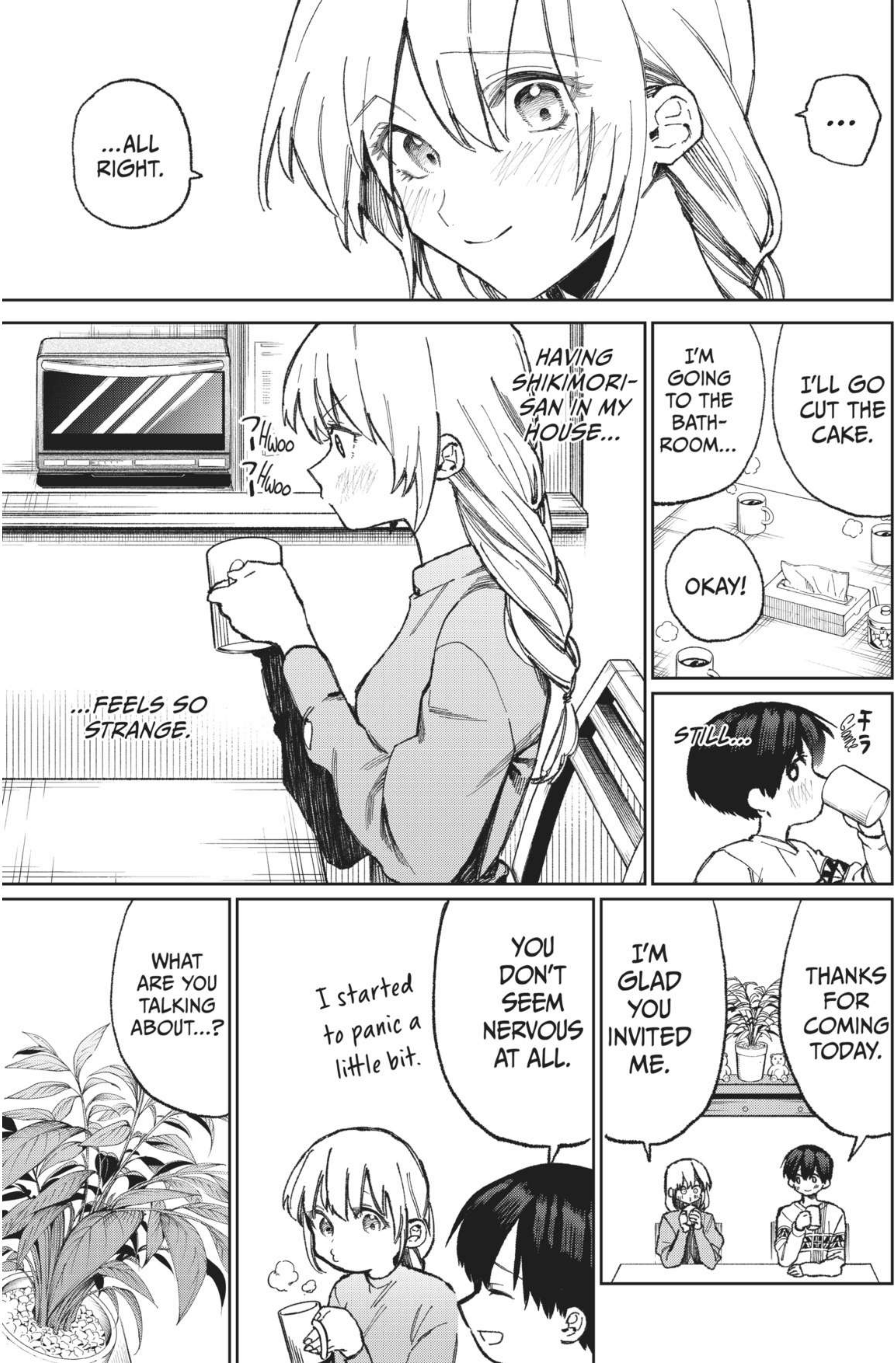

I'M SO GLAD YOU DECIDED TO COME OVER.
THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME!
ポケッ Muzzy
I DIDN'T EXPECT YU TO BRING HOME SUCH A CUTIE-PIE.
ピ Pik
OH—I'M NOT... I MEAN, THANK YOU...
IZUMI'S MOM
YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL, TOO, MRS. IZUMI.
IZUMI-SAN HAS YOUR HAIR.
ポッ Blush
OH, YOU'RE SO POLITE!
Ha ha ha
IT'S NOT THAT BIG A DEAL, MOM.
チュチュー Cheery
ポヤ Slrp
ポヤ Slrp
YOU JUST RELAX AND HAVE A GOOD TIME TODAY, SHIKIMORI-SAN.
AND DON'T FORGET TO EAT UP.
IZUMI'S DAD
I MIGHT HAVE GONE A LITTLE OVERBOARD WITH THE FOOD.
HA HA HA!
I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD TURN OUT LIKE THIS...
ドッ Thmp
ドッ Thmp

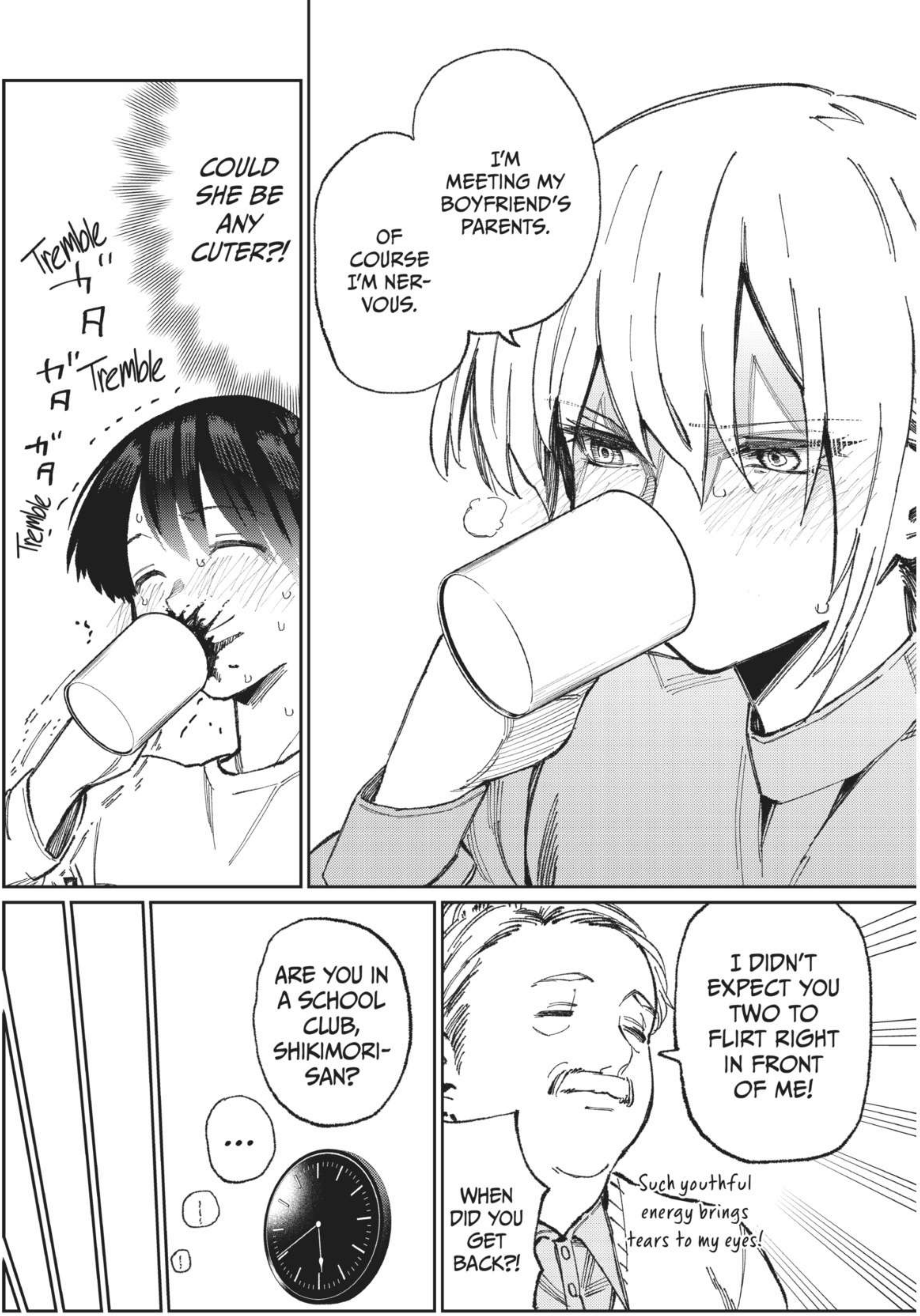

ONE WEEK EARLIER
SO... FOR MY BIRTHDAY... I WANT TO GO OUT WITH MY GIRLFRIEND...
WHAT?! BUT I ALREADY ORDERED YOUR CAKE...
YOU DID?
WHY NOT INVITE HER OVER AND WE'LL ALL CELEBRATE TOGETHER?
THAT WOULD BE FUN, WOULDN'T IT?
WHAT? HOLD ON...!
WHEN I INVITED HER OVER, SHIKIMORI-SAN ACCEPTED RIGHT AWAY...
I GUESS I'M GLAD SHE DID.
I'LL MAKE EVERYONE'S PLATES.
OOPS!
つるっ Slip
キン Clink
ポロ Flip
キラッ GLINT
カチン Clatter
コキン Clink

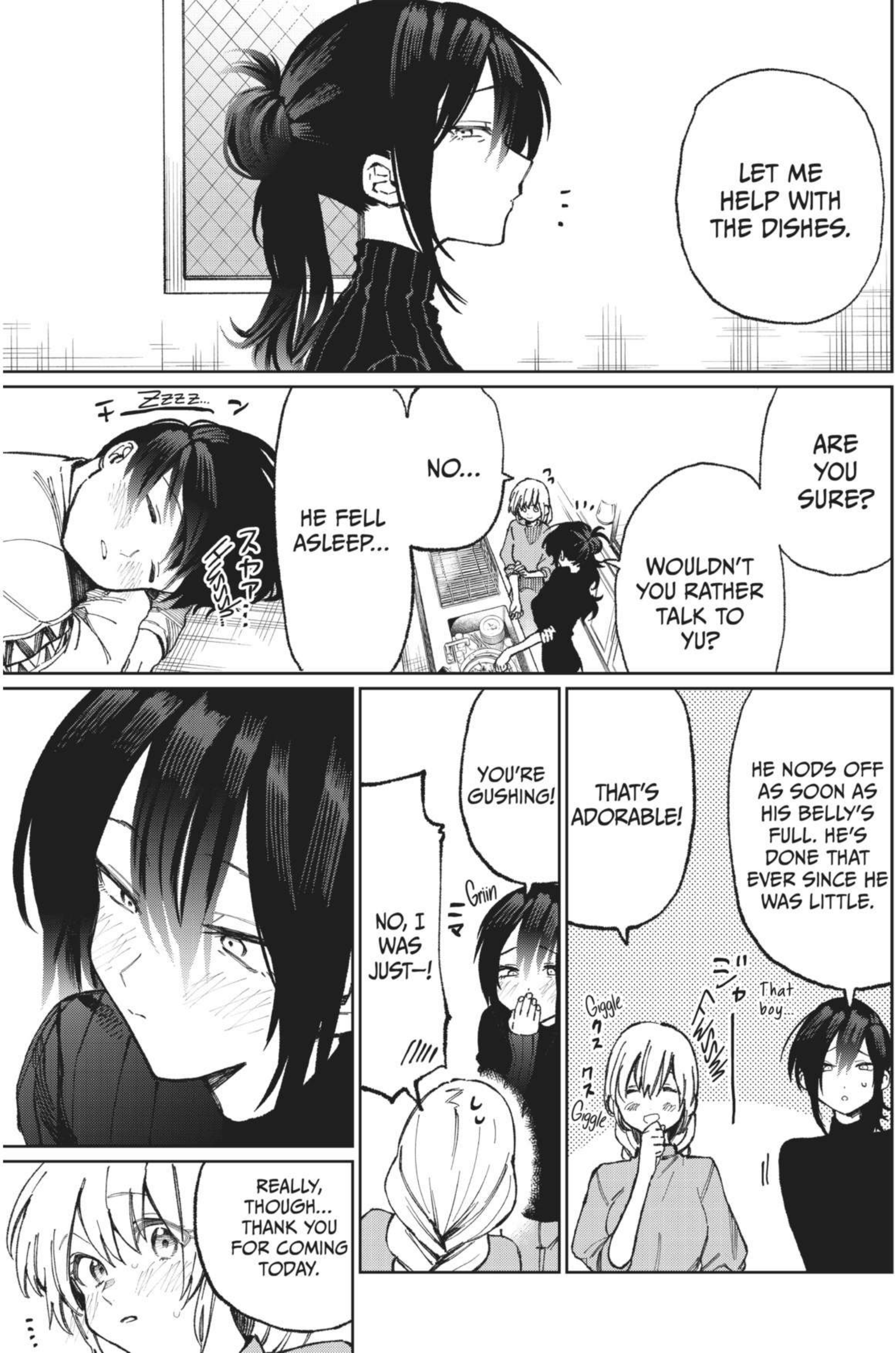

パシッ
Snatch
ポカン
Stun
Y...YOU AND YOUR SON CLEARLY HAVE A LOT IN COMMON...
ハァ
Huff
ハァ
Huff
パチ
Clap
Incredible!
パチ
Clap
THANK YOU, SHIKIMORI-SAN!!
YOU DIDN'T HURT YOUR HAND, DID YOU?
Heh heh
NOPE. IT'S FINE.
My my...

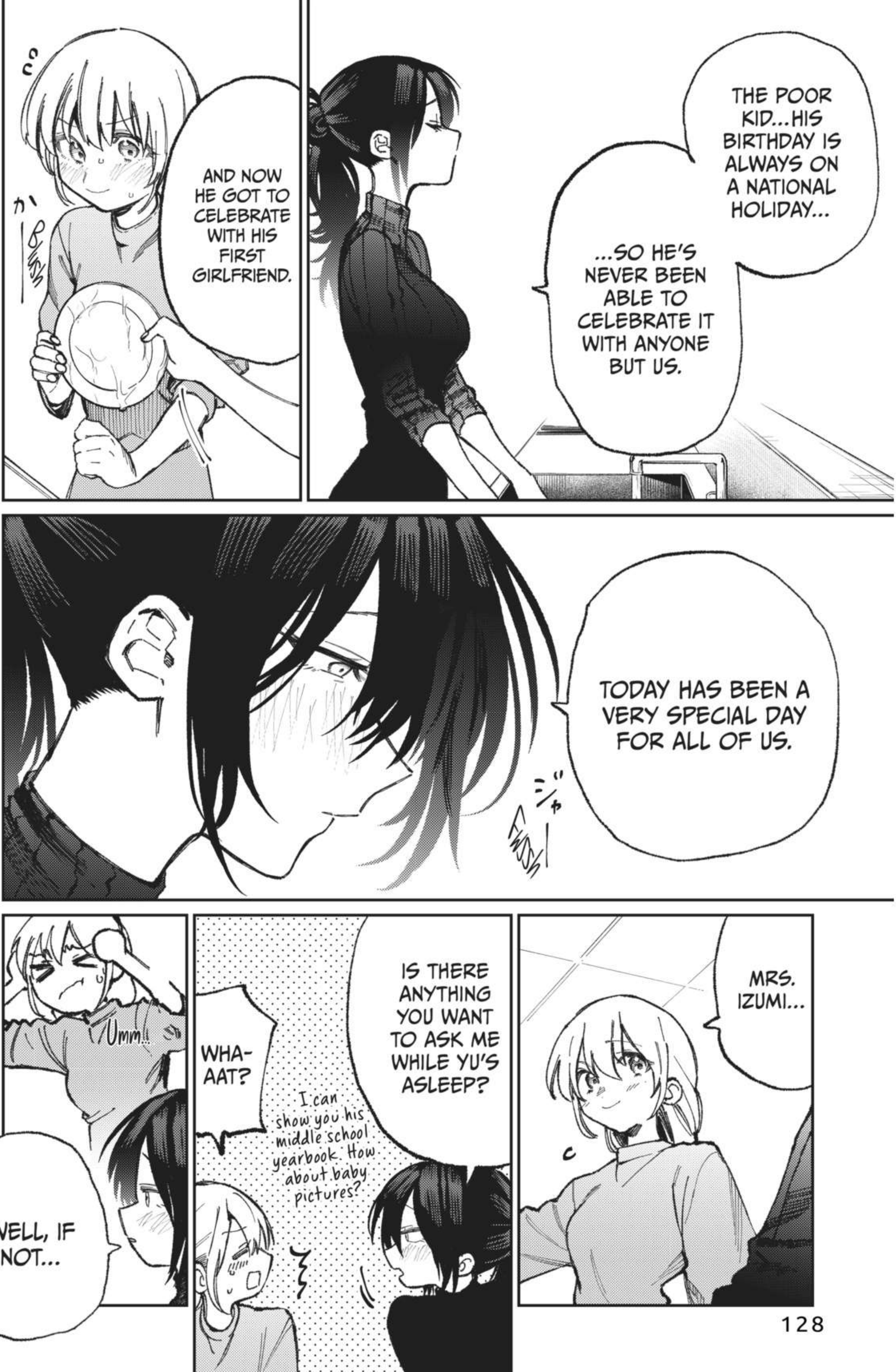

OH, WOW!
IT LOOKS DELICIOUS...
キラ Sparkle キラ… Sparkle...
DID YOU MAKE ALL OF THIS YOURSELF?!
SHE'S SO CUTE...
カンドウ In awe
GO ON, EAT UP NOW.
TRY THIS.
ドサ Heap
ドサ Heap
ドサ Heap
WOW...
PLEASE, HAVE AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE.
LET ME KNOW IF THEY'RE BOTHERING YOU, SHIKIMORI-SAN...
Whisper コソ
THEY'RE NOT! I'M HAVING FUN.

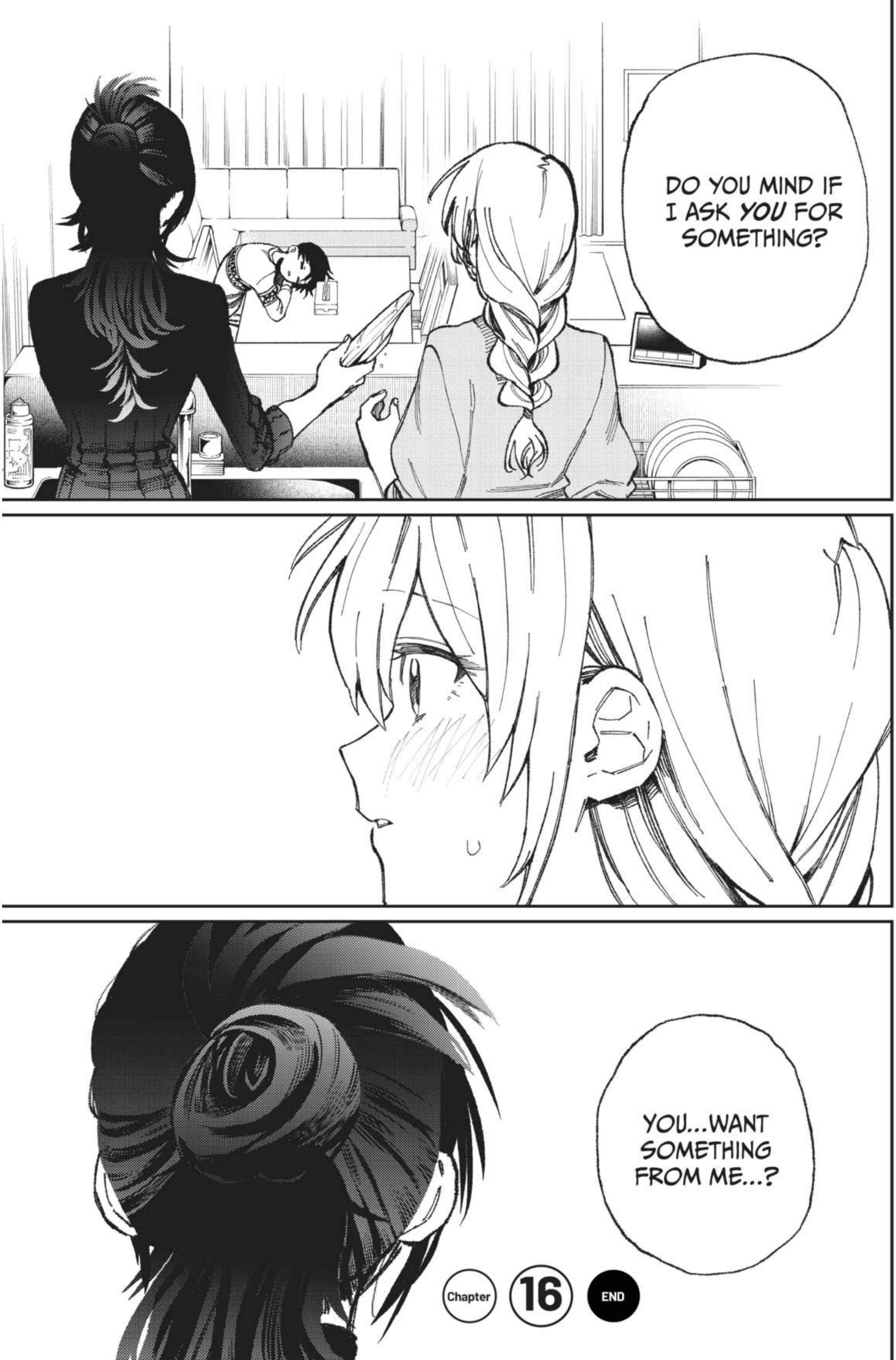

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I HAD A HOMECOOKED MEAL OR SAT AROUND A TABLE WITH FAMILY...
Oops
ER, THERE'S NOT ANY DEEP MEANING OR ANYTHING, JUST...!!
That just makes me sound even weirder.
SHIKIMORI-SAN...
YOU CAN COME OVER AS OFTEN AS YOU WANT.
ポヤ〜 Breezy〜
WE WIND UP MAKING TOO MUCH FOOD ALL THE TIME.
ポカン… Blink
ニコ… Smile...


...
...ALL RIGHT.
I'LL GO CUT THE CAKE.
I'M GOING TO THE BATHROOM...
OKAY!
HAVING SHIKIMORI-SAN IN MY HOUSE...
Hwoo
Hwoo
...FEELS SO STRANGE.
STILL...
チラ Glance
THANKS FOR COMING TODAY.
I'M GLAD YOU INVITED ME.
YOU DON'T SEEM NERVOUS AT ALL.
I started to panic a little bit.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...?


I'M MEETING MY BOYFRIEND'S PARENTS.
OF COURSE I'M NERVOUS.
COULD SHE BE ANY CUTER?!
Tremble ガタ
Tremble ガタ
Tremble ガタ
I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TWO TO FLIRT RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME!
Such youthful energy brings tears to my eyes!
WHEN DID YOU GET BACK?!
ARE YOU IN A SCHOOL CLUB, SHIKIMORI-SAN?
...
!
!


LET ME HELP WITH THE DISHES.
...
ARE YOU SURE?
WOULDN'T YOU RATHER TALK TO YU?
NO...
HE FELL ASLEEP...
Zzzz...
スヤァ…
HE NODS OFF AS SOON AS HIS BELLY'S FULL. HE'S DONE THAT EVER SINCE HE WAS LITTLE.
That boy...
ゴシャ
FWSSSH
Giggle
クス クス
Giggle
THAT'S ADORABLE!
YOU'RE GUSHING!
Griin
NO, I WAS JUST—!
REALLY, THOUGH... THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY.
...


THE POOR KID...HIS BIRTHDAY IS ALWAYS ON A NATIONAL HOLIDAY...
...SO HE'S NEVER BEEN ABLE TO CELEBRATE IT WITH ANYONE BUT US.
AND NOW HE GOT TO CELEBRATE WITH HIS FIRST GIRLFRIEND.
か Blush
TODAY HAS BEEN A VERY SPECIAL DAY FOR ALL OF US.
ジャー Fwosh
MRS. IZUMI...
IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO ASK ME WHILE YU'S ASLEEP?
WHA-AAT?
I can show you his middle school yearbook. How about baby pictures?
Umm..!
WELL, IF NOT...


DO YOU MIND IF I ASK *YOU* FOR SOMETHING?
YOU...WANT SOMETHING FROM ME...?
Chapter 16 END

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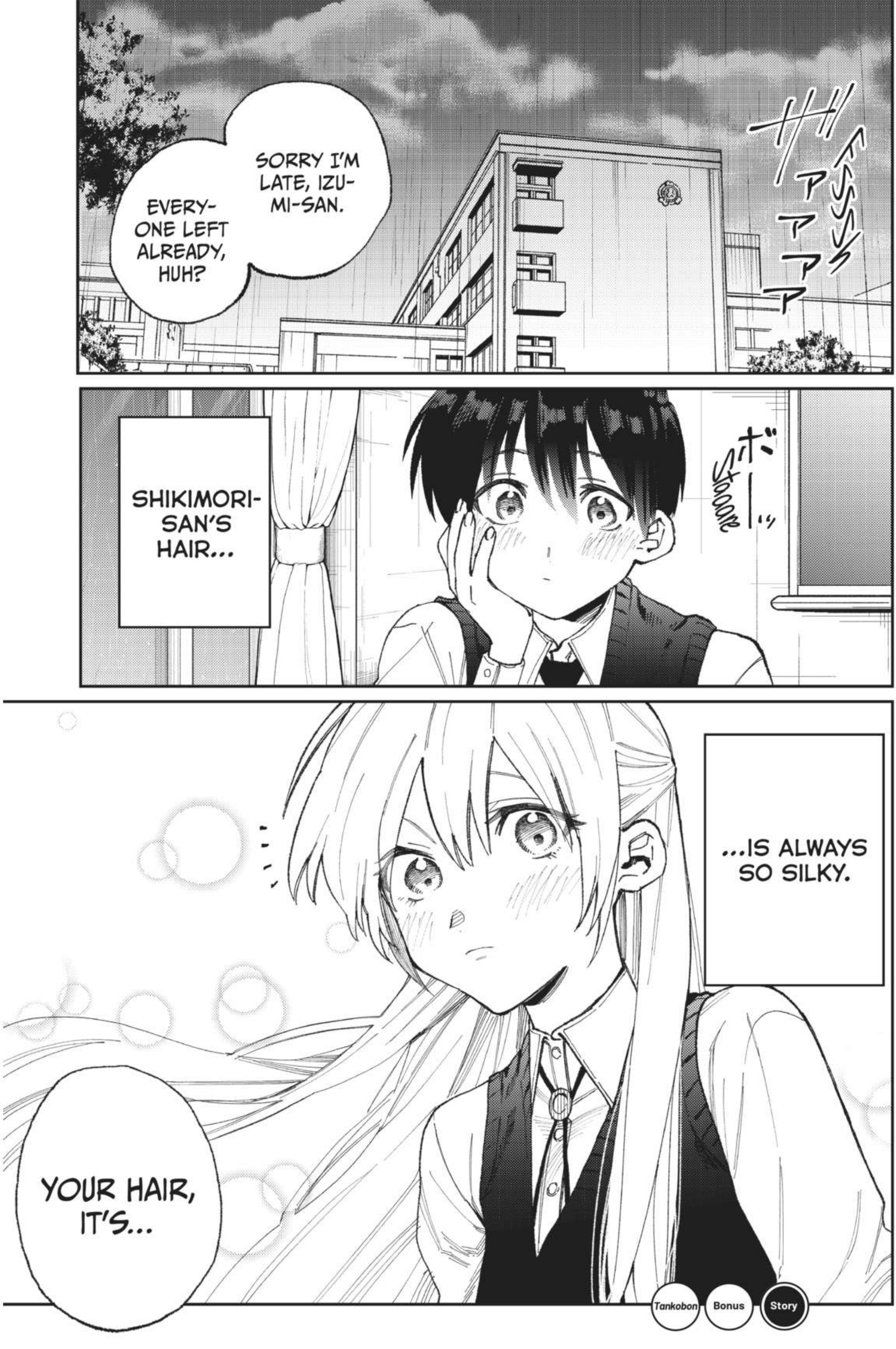
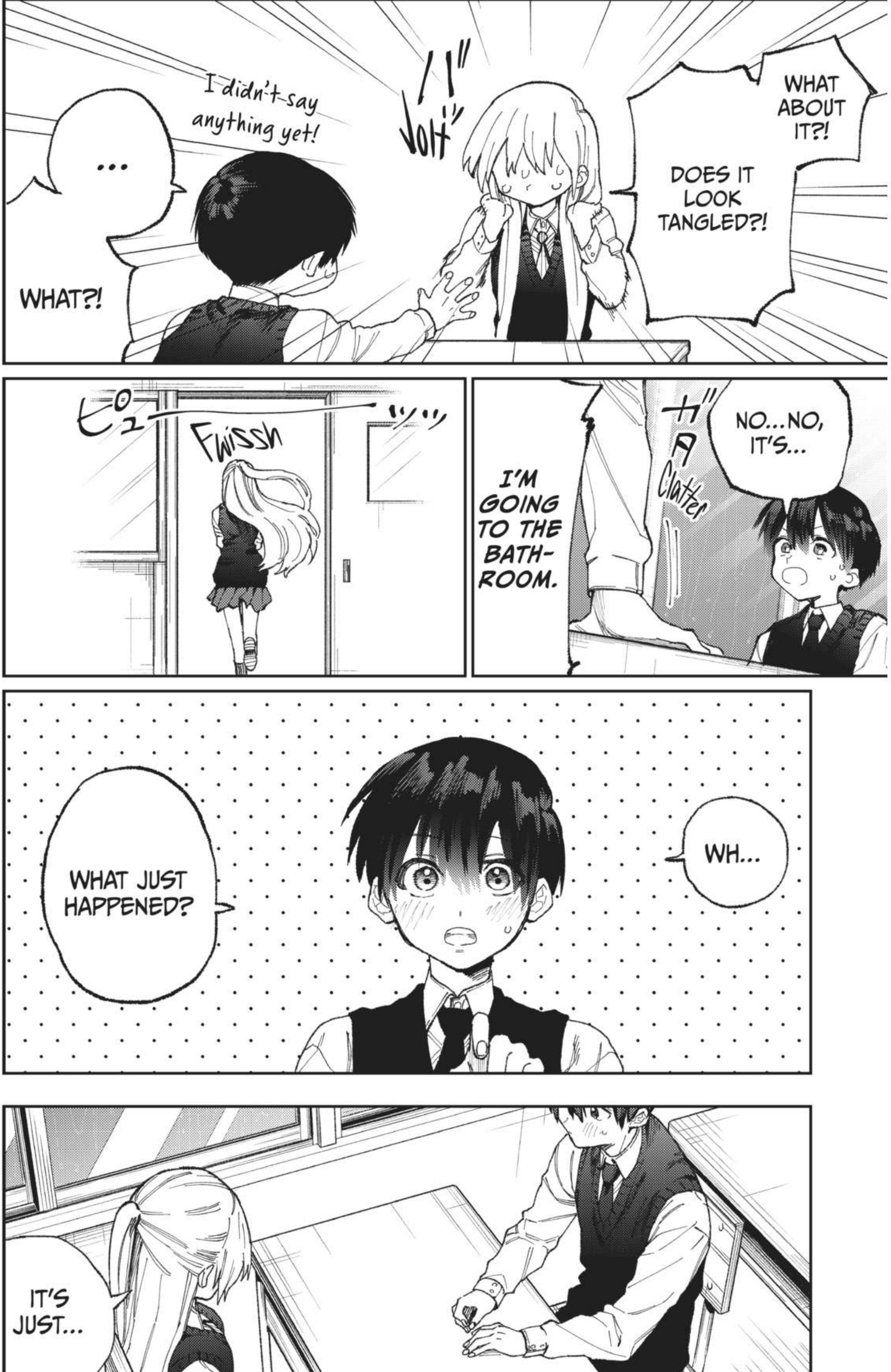
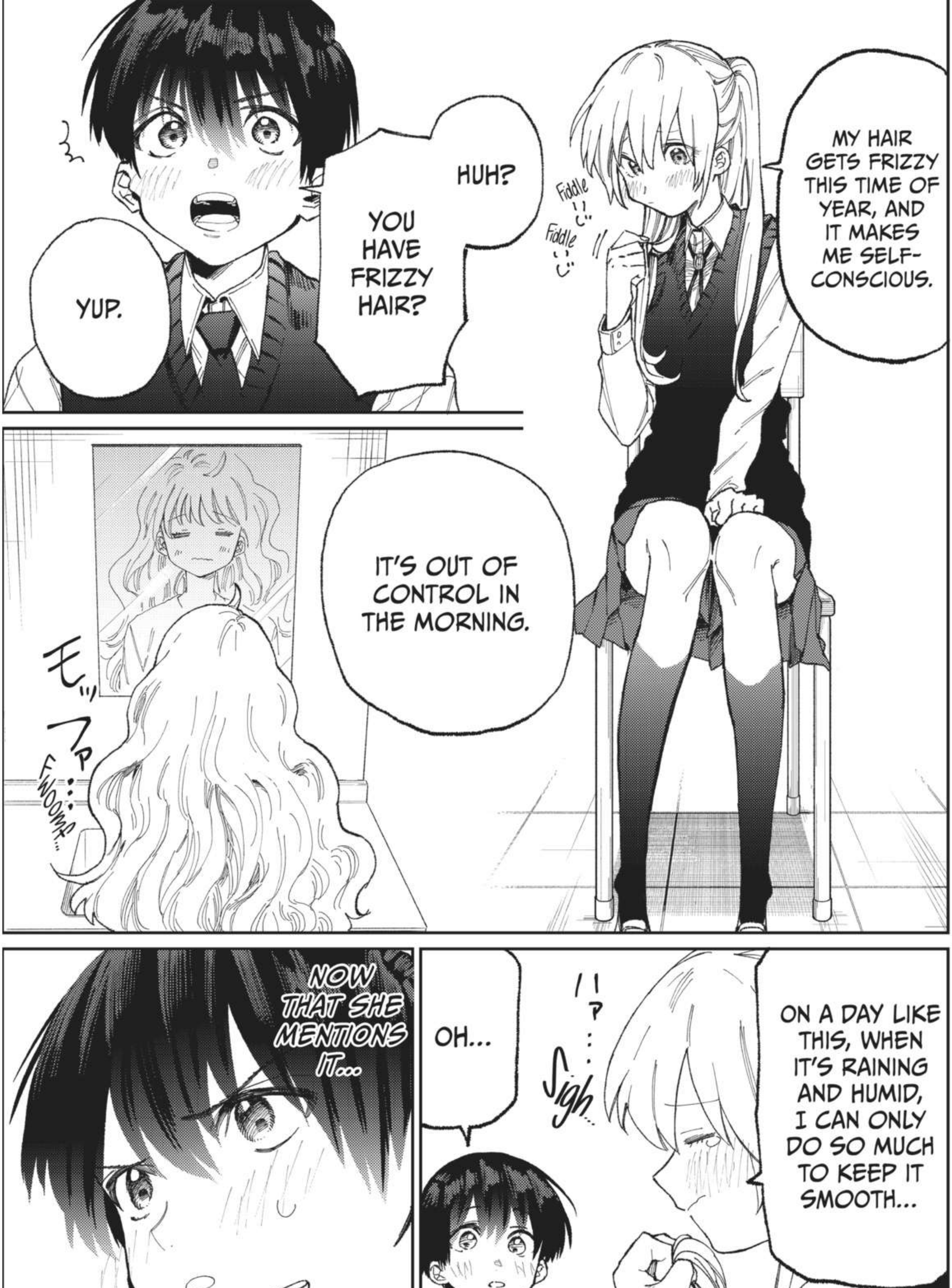
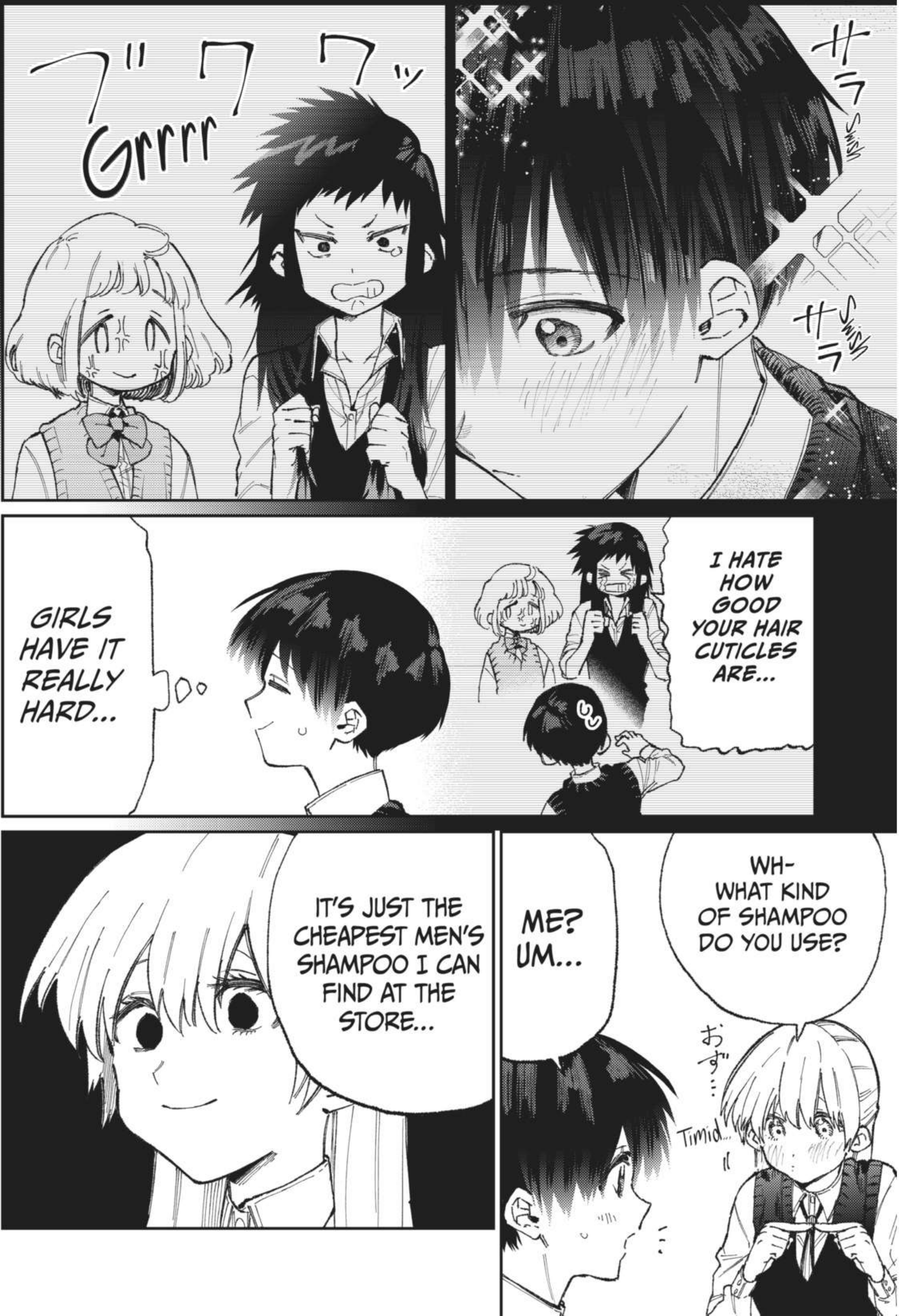
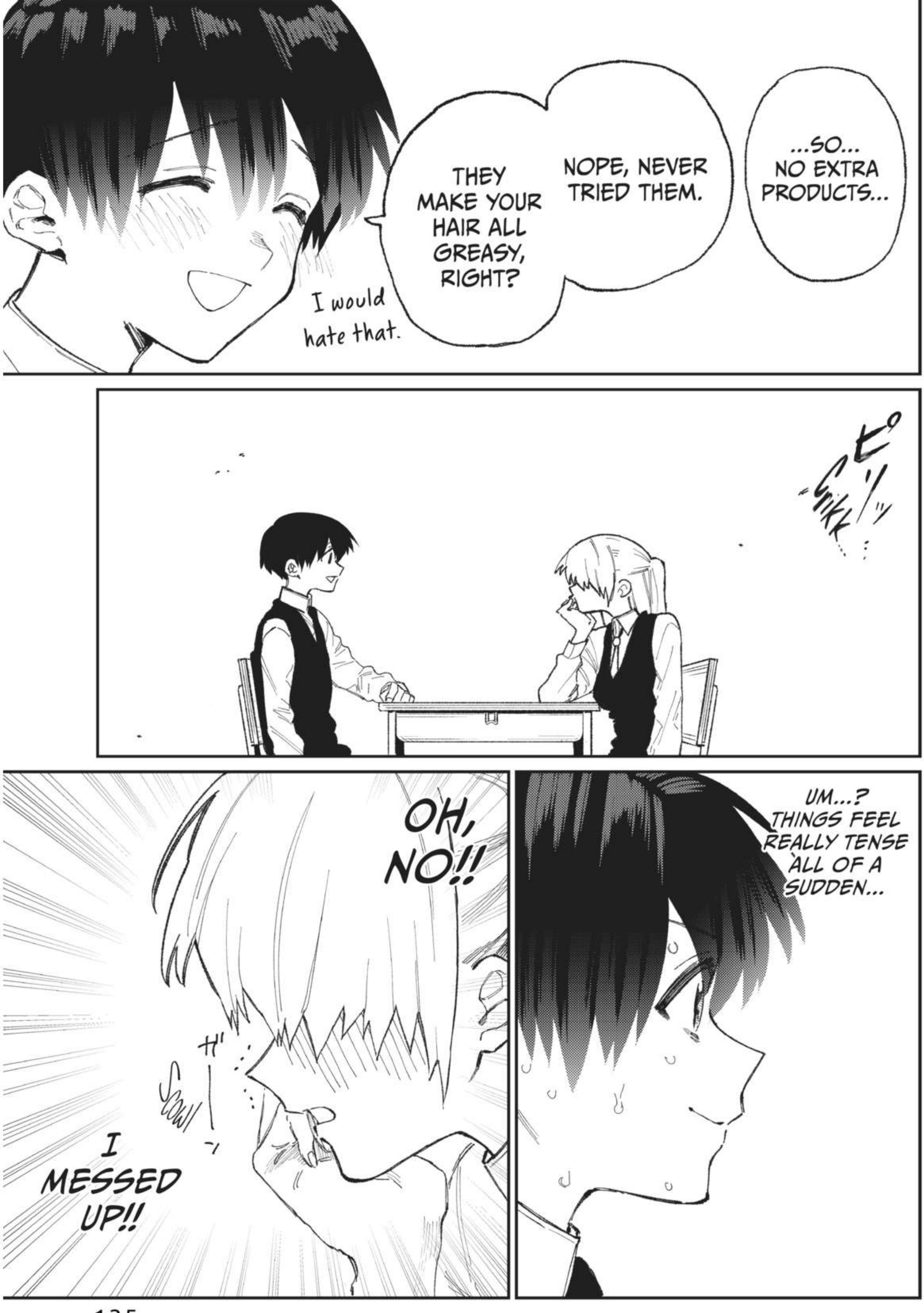

ザアアアア FSSSH
SORRY I'M LATE, IZUMI-SAN.
EVERYONE LEFT ALREADY, HUH?
ボーッ Staaare
SHIKIMORI-SAN'S HAIR...
...IS ALWAYS SO SILKY.
YOUR HAIR, IT'S...

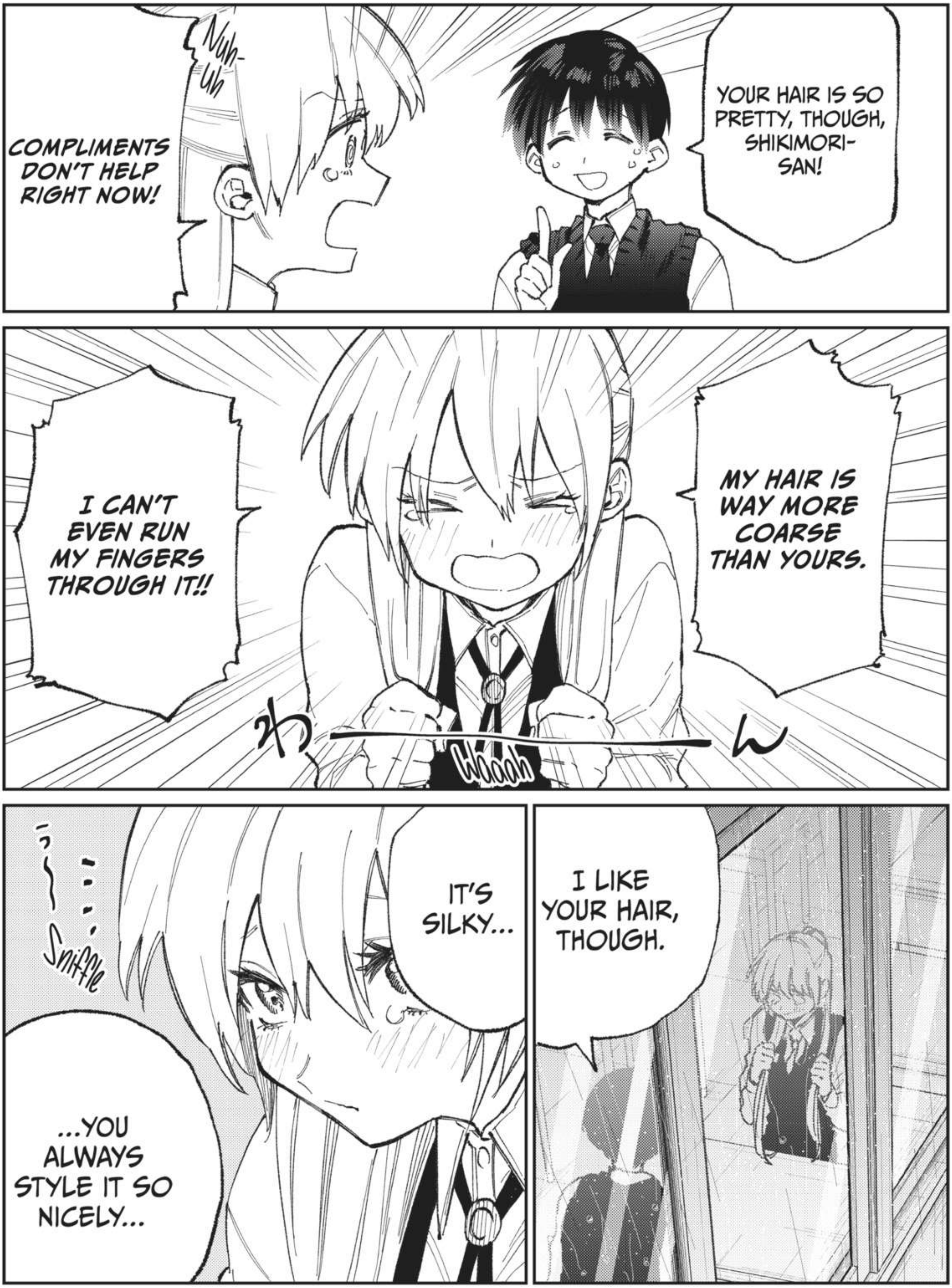
Tankobon Bonus Story

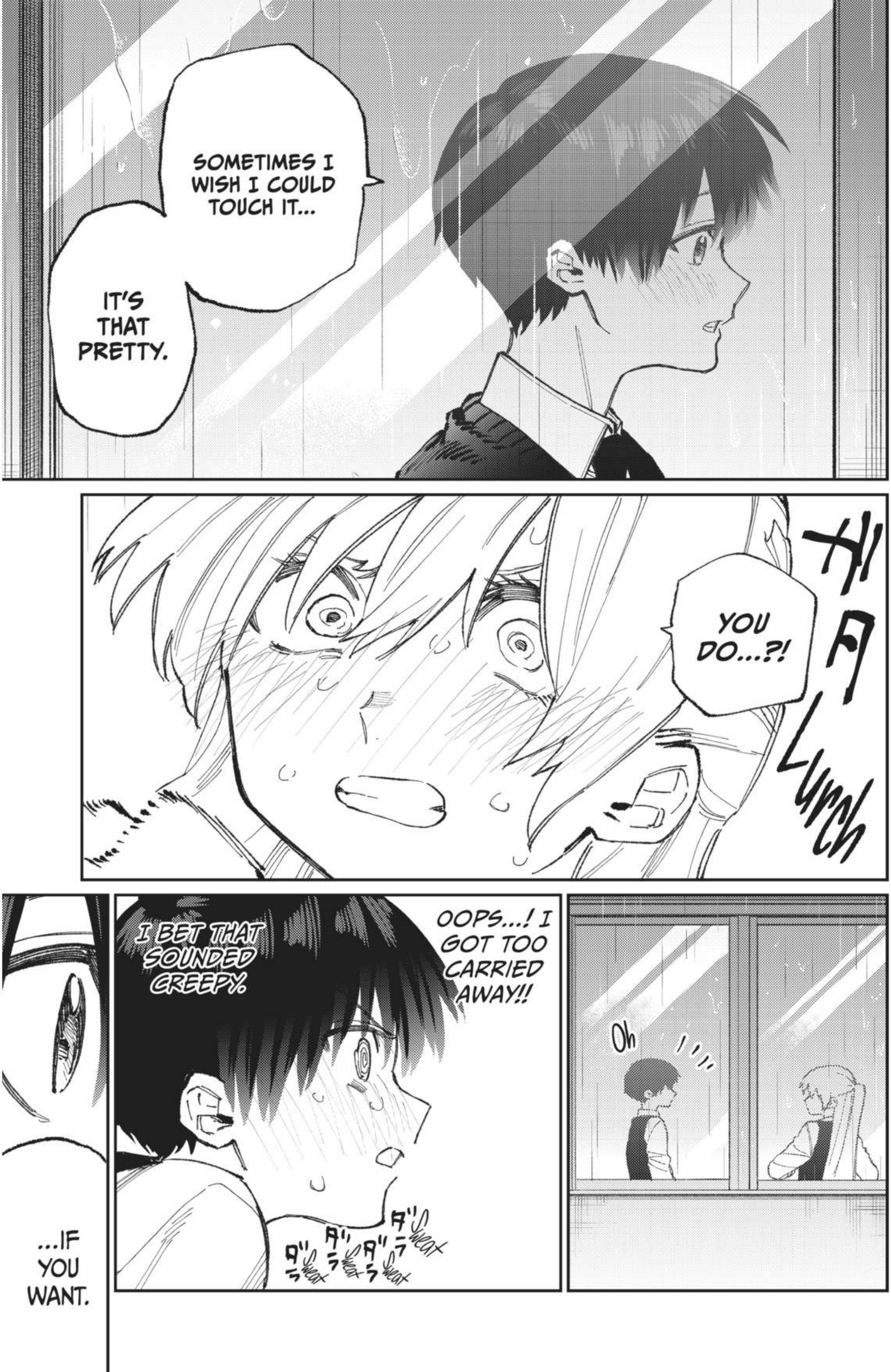

WHAT ABOUT IT?!
DOES IT LOOK TANGLED?!
Jolt
I didn't say anything yet!
...
WHAT?!
ガタ Clatter
NO...NO, IT'S...
I'M GOING TO THE BATHROOM.
ビュ―ッッ
Fwissh
WH...
WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
IT'S JUST...

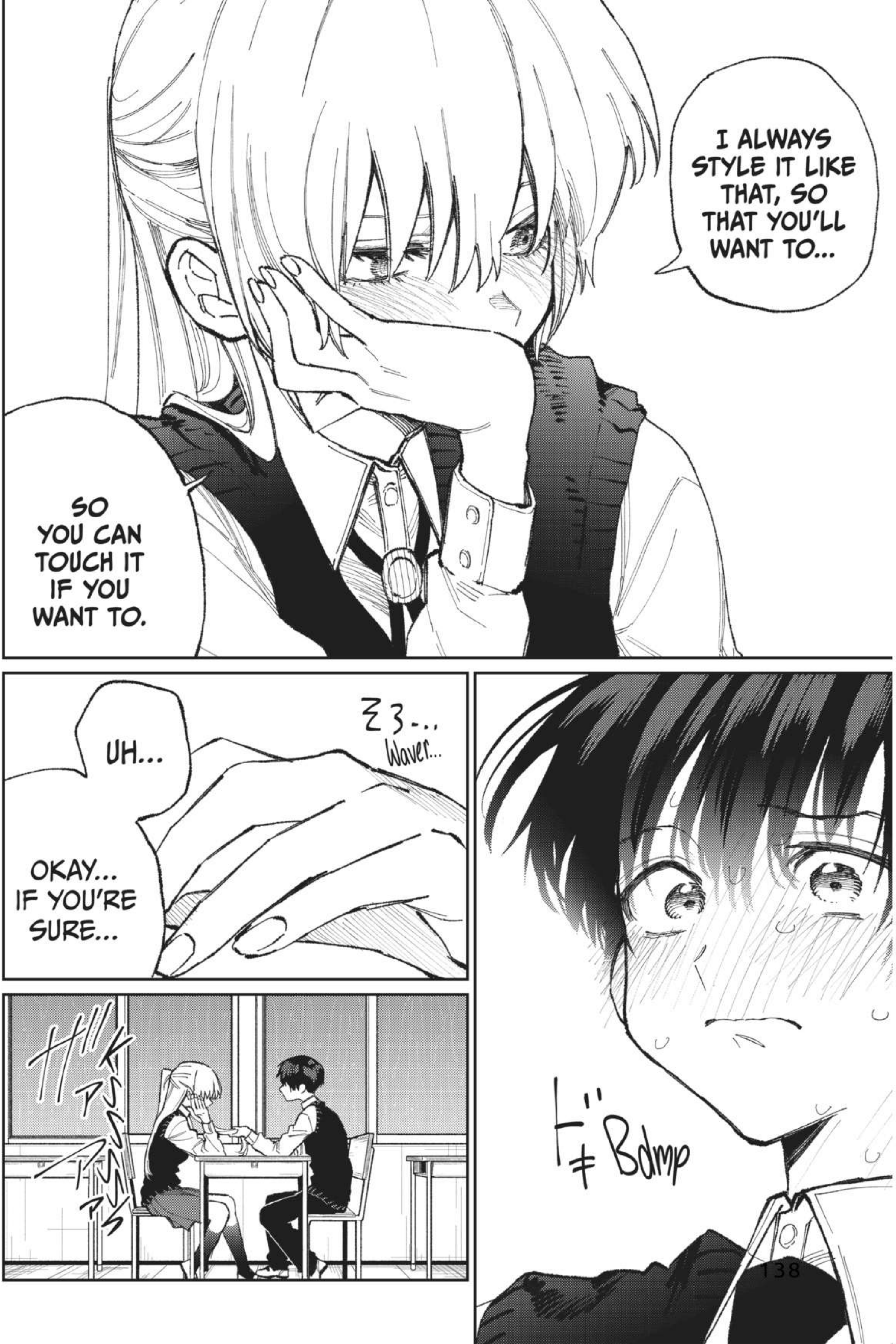

MY HAIR GETS FRIZZY THIS TIME OF YEAR, AND IT MAKES ME SELF-CONSCIOUS.
Fiddle
Fiddle
HUH?
YOU HAVE FRIZZY HAIR?
YUP.
IT'S OUT OF CONTROL IN THE MORNING.
モッファ
FWOOMF...
ON A DAY LIKE THIS, WHEN IT'S RAINING AND HUMID, I CAN ONLY DO SO MUCH TO KEEP IT SMOOTH...
ハァ...
Sigh...
OH...
NOW THAT SHE MENTIONS IT...

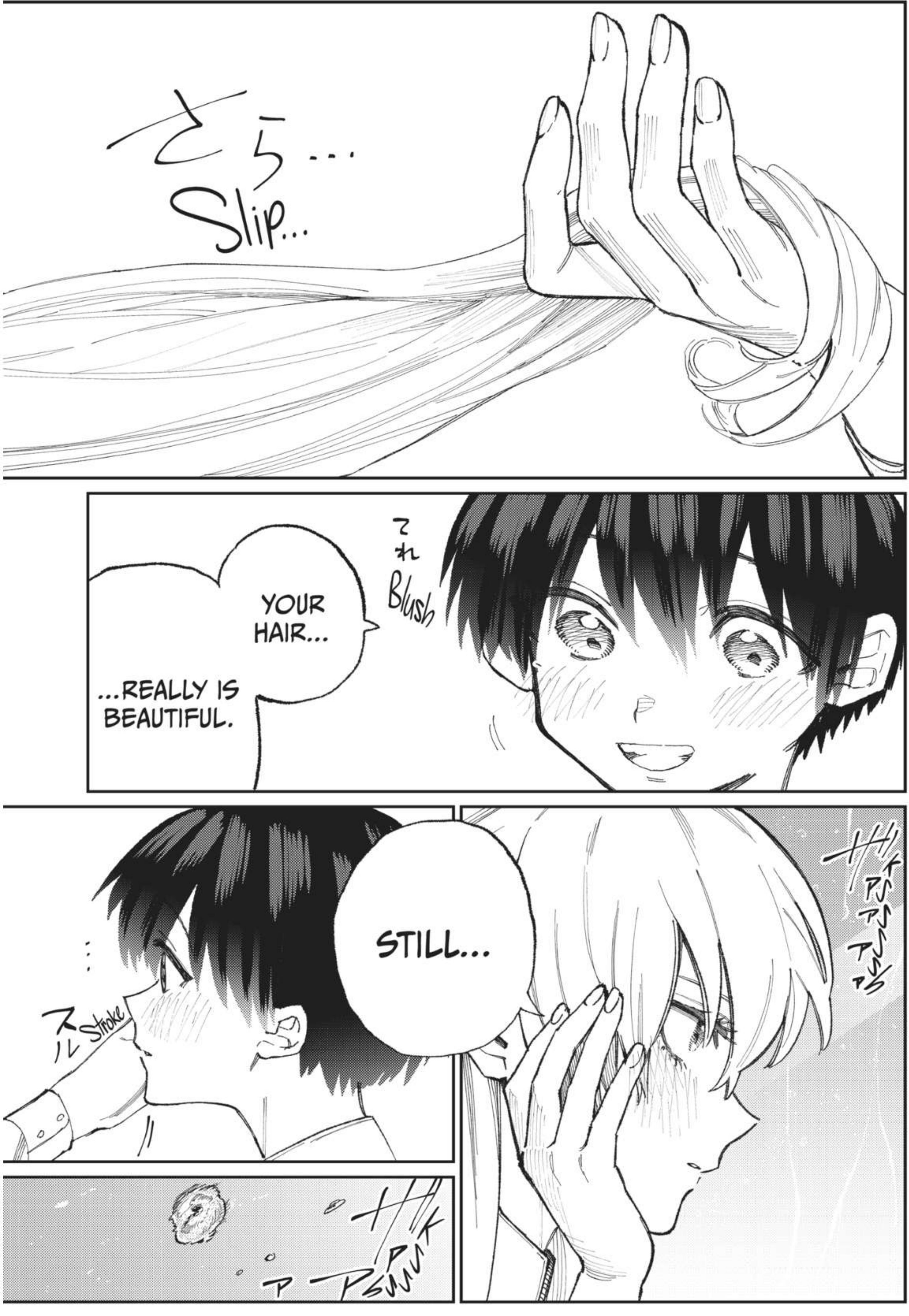

サラ
Swish
サラ
Swish
ブワワッ
Grrrr
I HATE HOW GOOD YOUR HAIR CUTICLES ARE...
GIRLS HAVE IT REALLY HARD...
WH- WHAT KIND OF SHAMPOO DO YOU USE?
おず…
Timid...
ME? UM...
IT'S JUST THE CHEAPEST MEN'S SHAMPOO I CAN FIND AT THE STORE...

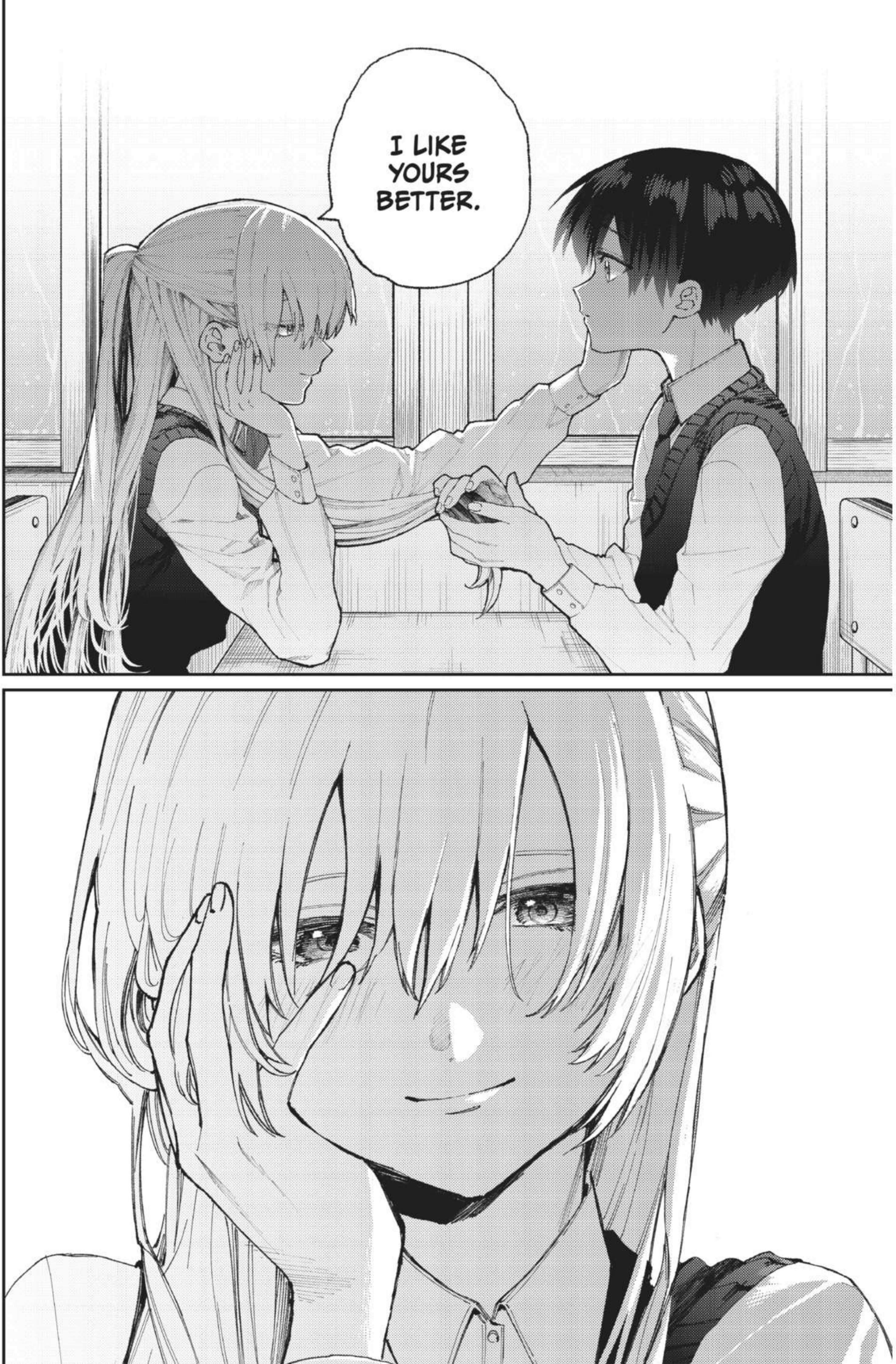

...SO... NO EXTRA PRODUCTS...
NOPE, NEVER TRIED THEM.
THEY MAKE YOUR HAIR ALL GREASY, RIGHT?
I would hate that.
ピッ
Snikk
UM...? THINGS FEEL REALLY TENSE ALL OF A SUDDEN...
OH, NO!!
ガー
Scowl
I MESSED UP!!

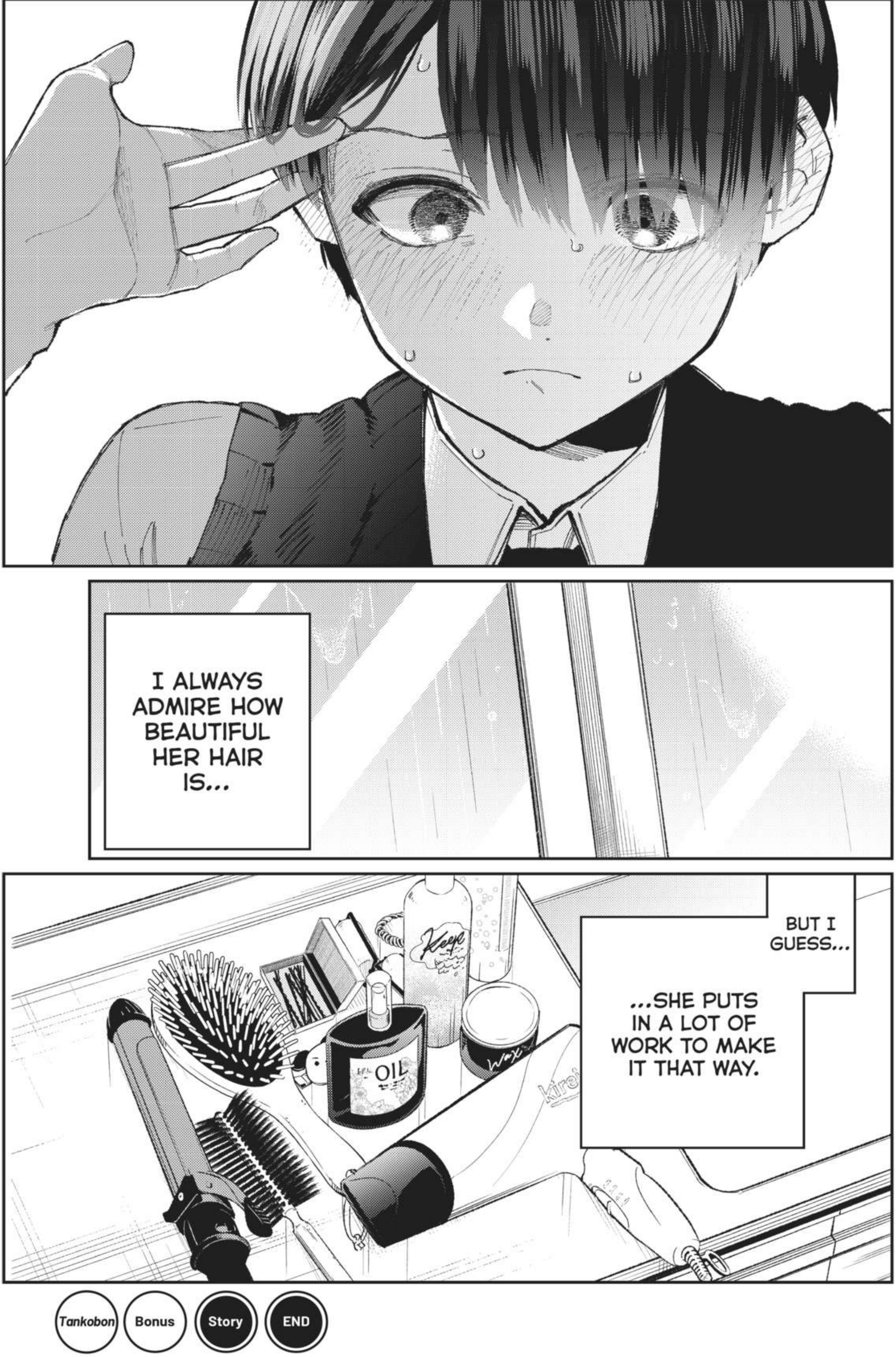

YOUR HAIR IS SO PRETTY, THOUGH, SHIKIMORI-SAN!
Nuh-uh
COMPLIMENTS DON'T HELP RIGHT NOW!
MY HAIR IS WAY MORE COARSE THAN YOURS.
I CAN'T EVEN RUN MY FINGERS THROUGH IT!!
わ——ん
Waaah
I LIKE YOUR HAIR, THOUGH.
IT'S SILKY...
う～…
Sniffle
...YOU ALWAYS STYLE IT SO NICELY...


SOMETIMES I WISH I COULD TOUCH IT...
IT'S THAT PRETTY.
ガタ Lurch
YOU DO...?!
Oh
!!
OOPS...! I GOT TOO CARRIED AWAY!!
I BET THAT SOUNDED CREEPY.
ダラ Sweat ダラ Sweat ダラ Sweat ダラ Sweat
...IF YOU WANT.


I ALWAYS STYLE IT LIKE THAT, SO THAT YOU'LL WANT TO...
SO YOU CAN TOUCH IT IF YOU WANT TO.
ドキ Bdmp
ゆる... Waver...
UH...
OKAY... IF YOU'RE SURE...
KSSSS


さら…
Slip…
てれ
Blush
YOUR HAIR…
…REALLY IS BEAUTIFUL.
HK
PSU PSU PSU PS
STILL…
…
スル
Stroke
HK
PSUUUK


I LIKE YOURS BETTER.


I ALWAYS ADMIRE HOW BEAUTIFUL HER HAIR IS...
BUT I GUESS...
...SHE PUTS IN A LOT OF WORK TO MAKE IT THAT WAY.
Keep
OIL
Wax
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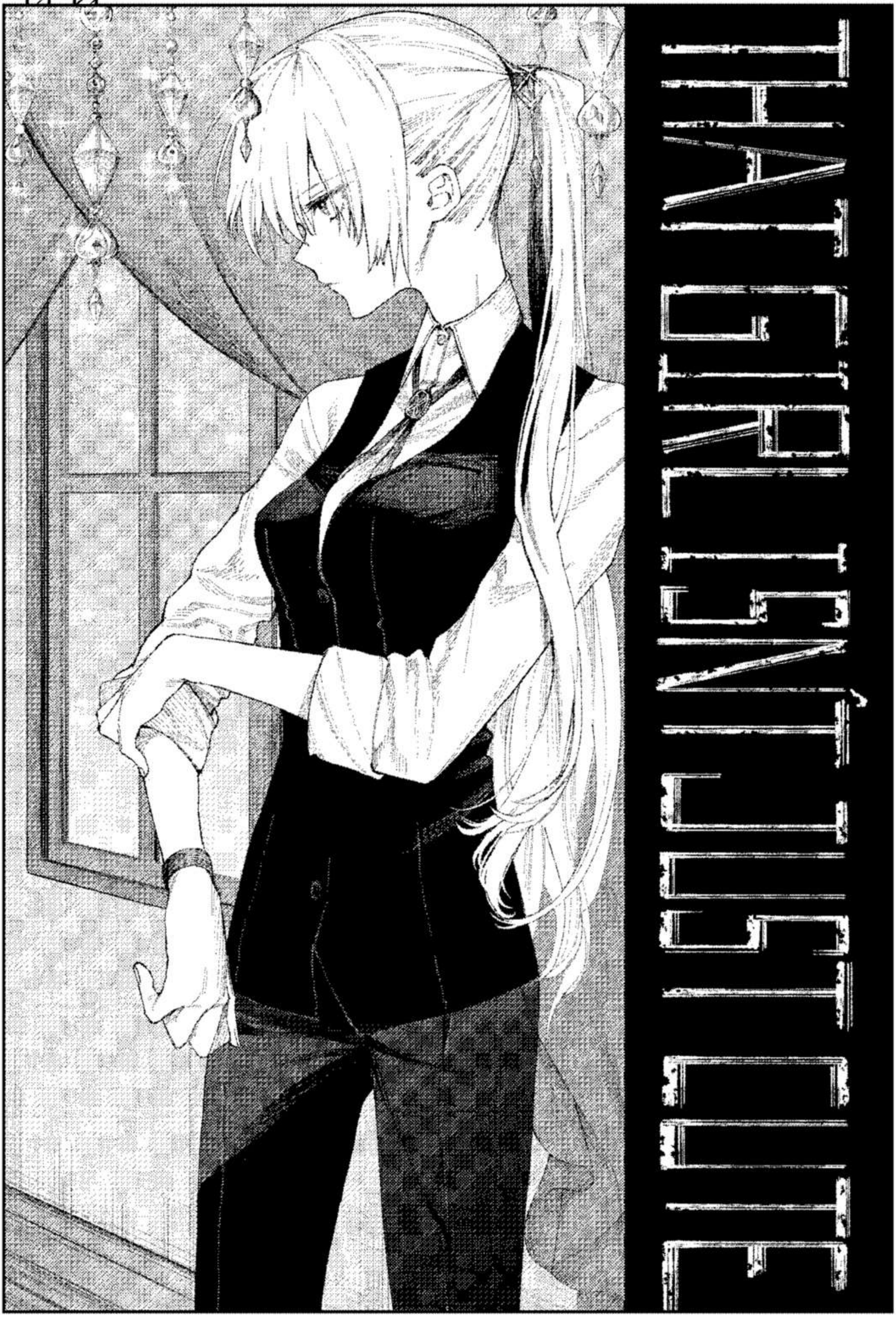
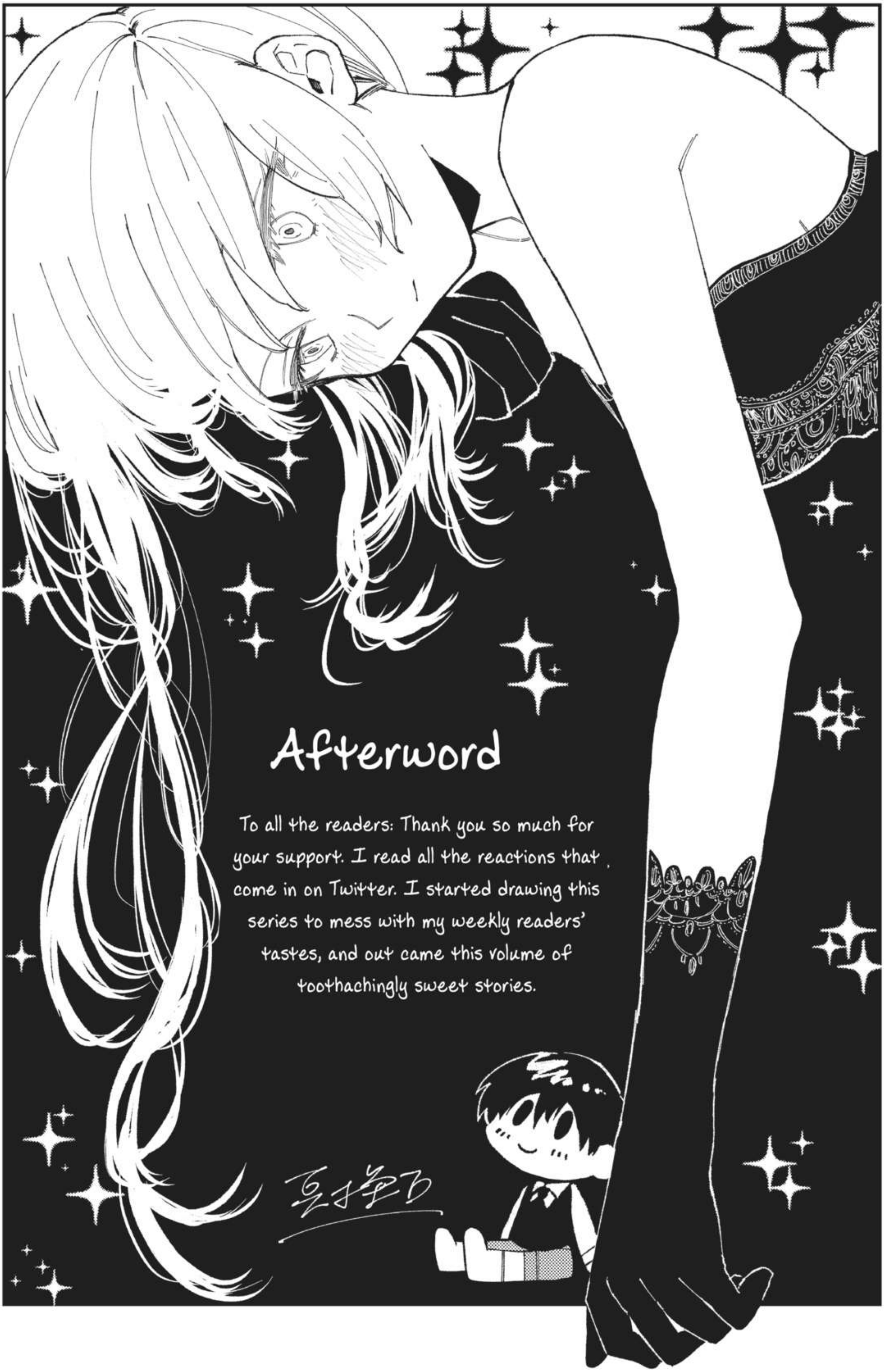
Tankobon Bonus Story END

IF Gallery ①

Shikimori-san, laser-focused on protecting her client


THAT GIRL ISN'T JUST CUTE



Afterword

To all the readers: Thank you so much for your support. I read all the reactions that come in on Twitter. I started drawing this series to mess with my weekly readers' tastes, and out came this volume of toothachingly sweet stories.

THIS IS A "FACE MANGA" THAT HAS FUN WITH FACES.

KEIGO MAKI

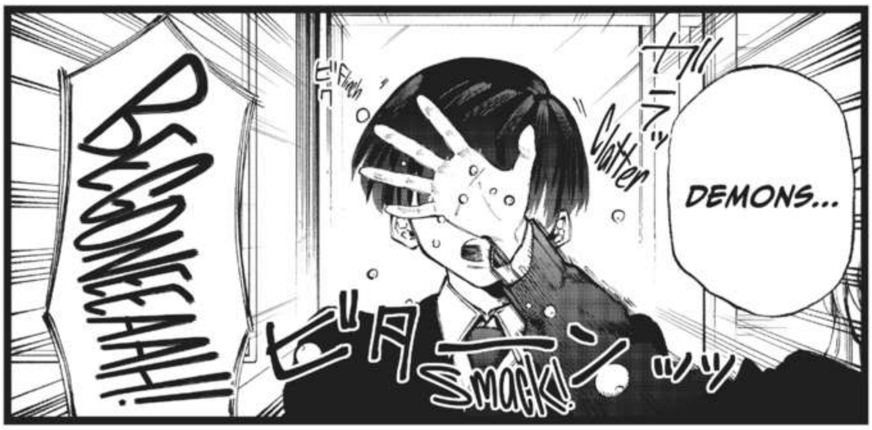
SHIKIMORI'S

Not just a cutie

TRANSLATOR'S NOTES

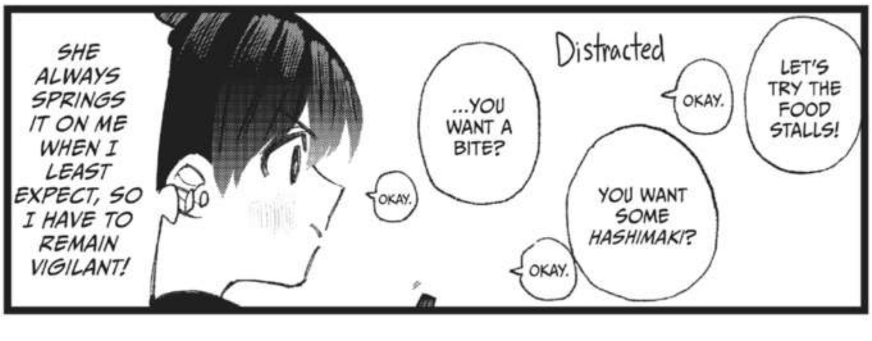
Bean-tossing competition, page 89

The class is throwing beans and shouting "Demons begone!" as part of the traditional celebration of Setsubun. Celebrated on February 3, Setsubun occurs close to the Chinese New Year in the lunar calendar, so it has the spirit of "in with the new and out with the old." But bad luck might try to sneak into the new year, so to make sure things start out right, people throw beans at the demons who might bring bad luck in order to scare them away for the year.


DEMONS...
Clatter
Flinch
ビタ――ンッッ
SMACK!
BEGONEEAAH!!

Hashimaki, page 103

Hashimaki is a kind of Japanese street food and is basically *okonomiyaki* (a thick, savory pancake) on a stick and drizzled with sauces.


LET'S TRY THE FOOD STALLS!
OKAY.
YOU WANT SOME HASHIMAKI?
OKAY.
...YOU WANT A BITE?
OKAY.
Distracted
SHE ALWAYS SPRINGS IT ON ME WHEN I LEAST EXPECT, SO I HAVE TO REMAIN VIGILANT!

One of CLAMP's biggest hits returns in this definitive, premium, hardcover 20th anniversary collector's edition!

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— Anime News Network

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— Publishers Weekly

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Poor college student Hideki is down on his luck. All he wants is a good job, a girlfriend, and his very own "persocom"—the latest and greatest in humanoid computer technology. Hideki's luck changes one night when he finds Chi—a persocom thrown out in a pile of trash. But Hideki soon discovers that there's much more to his cute new persocom than meets the eye.

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SWEAT AND SOAP
KINTETSU YAMADA

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In an office romance, there's a fine line between sexy and awkward... and that line is where Asako — a woman who sweats copiously — meets Koutarou — a perfume developer who can't get enough of Asako's, er, scent. Don't miss a romcom manga like no other!

KC KODANSHA COMICS

Knight of the ICE
1
Yayoi Ogawa

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SKATING THRILLS AND ICY CHILLS WITH THIS NEW TINGLY ROMANCE SERIES!

A rom-com on ice, perfect for fans of *Princess Jellyfish* and *Wotakoi*. Kokoro is the talk of the figure-skating world, winning trophies and hearts. But little do they know... he's actually a huge nerd! From the beloved creator of *You're My Pet* (*Tramps Like Us*).

Chitose is a serious young woman, working for the health magazine *SASSO*. Or at least, she would be, if she wasn't constantly getting distracted by her childhood friend, international figure skating star Kokoro Kijinami! In the public eye and on the ice, Kokoro is a gallant, flawless knight, but behind his glittery costumes and breathtaking spins lies a secret: He's actually a hopelessly romantic otaku, who can only land his quad jumps when Chitose is on hand to recite a spell from his favorite magical girl anime!

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PERFECT WORLD

Rie Aruga

A TOUCHING NEW SERIES ABOUT LOVE AND COPING WITH DISABILITY

An office party reunites Tsugumi with her high school crush Itsuki. He's realized his dream of becoming an architect, but along the way, he experienced a spinal injury that put him in a wheelchair. Now Tsugumi's rekindled feelings will butt up against prejudices she never considered — and Itsuki will have to decide if he's ready to let someone into his heart...

"Depicts with great delicacy and courage the difficulties some with disabilities experience getting involved in romantic relationships... Rie Aruga refuses to romanticize, pushing her heroine to face the reality of disability. She invites her readers to the same tasks of empathy, knowledge and recognition."
—Slate.fr

"An important entry [in manga romance]... The emotional core of both plot and characters indicates thoughtfulness... [Aruga's] research is readily apparent in the text and artwork, making this feel like a real story."
—Anime News Network

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A SMART, NEW ROMANTIC COMEDY FOR FANS OF *SHORTCAKE CAKE* AND *TERRACE HOUSE*!

LIVING-ROOM
1
Keiko Iwashita
MATSUNAGA-SAN

Living-Room Matsunaga-san © Keiko Iwashita / Kodansha Ltd.

A romance manga starring high school girl Meeko, who learns to live on her own in a boarding house whose living room is home to the odd (but handsome) Matsunaga-san. She begins to adjust to her new life away from her parents, but Meeko soon learns that no matter how far away from home she is, she's still a young girl at heart — especially when she finds herself falling for Matsunaga-san.

KC KODANSHA COMICS

Young characters and steampunk setting, like *Howl's Moving Castle* and *Battle Angel Alita*

Beyond the Clouds
The Girl Who Fell From the Sky
BY Nicke
VOLUME 01

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A boy with a talent for machines and a mysterious girl whose wings he's fixed will take you beyond the clouds! In the tradition of the high-flying, resonant adventure stories of Studio Ghibli comes a gorgeous tale about the longing of young hearts for adventure and friendship!

Something's Wrong With Us

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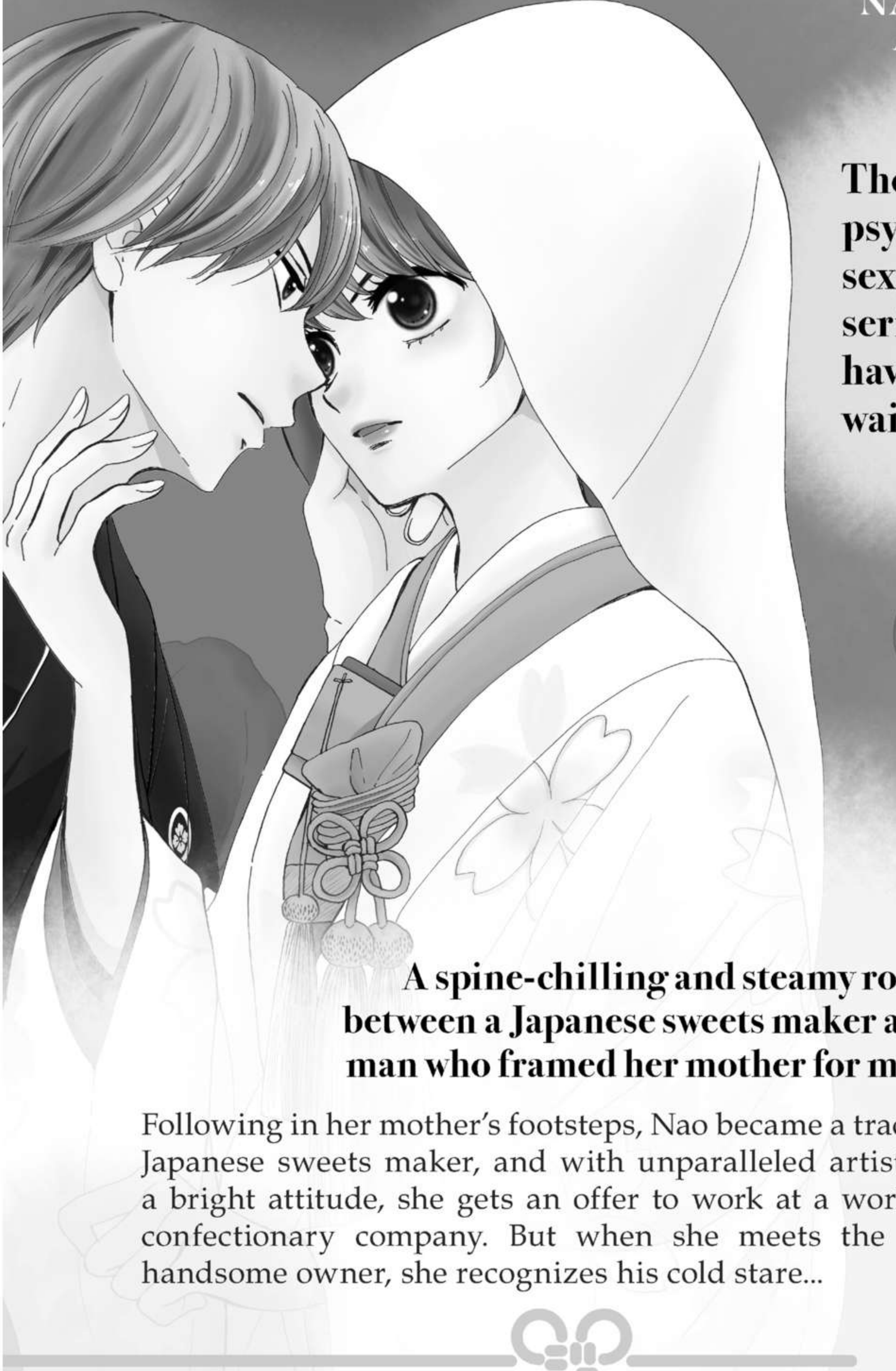

The dark, psychological, sexy shojo series readers have been waiting for!

A spine-chilling and steamy romance between a Japanese sweets maker and the man who framed her mother for murder!

Following in her mother's footsteps, Nao became a traditional Japanese sweets maker, and with unparalleled artistry and a bright attitude, she gets an offer to work at a world-class confectionary company. But when she meets the young, handsome owner, she recognizes his cold stare...

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COMICS

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CUTE ANIMALS AND LIFE LESSONS, PERFECT FOR ASPIRING PET VETS OF ALL AGES!

YUZU THE PET VET
1
BY
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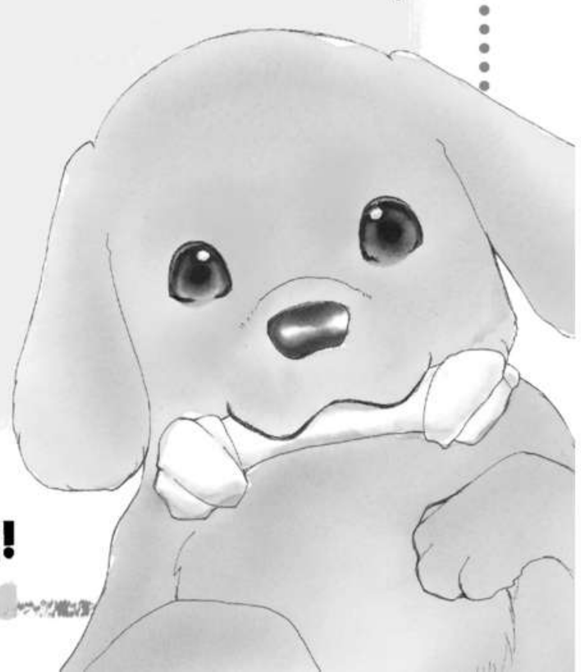
Yuzu the Pet Vet © Mingo Ito / NIPPON COLUMBIA CO., LTD. / Kodansha Ltd.

For an 11-year-old, Yuzu has a lot on her plate. When her mom gets sick and has to be hospitalized, Yuzu goes to live with her uncle who runs the local veterinary clinic. Yuzu's always been scared of animals, but she tries to help out. Through all the tough moments in her life, Yuzu realizes that she can help make things all right with a little help from her animal pals, peers, and kind grown-ups.

Every new patient is a furry friend in the making!



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